

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

August 4, 2014

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on Monday August 4, 2014 at City Hall. Members present were Roman Gaddis, Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. City Attorney Doug Parks was also present. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The prayer was led by Gary McCullough and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Roman Gaddis.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Gary McCullough requested to move Representative Kevin Tanner to the beginning of the agenda. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the requested amendment. A motion to approve as amended was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Justin Kirnon Governmental Relations Associate with the Georgia Municipal Association presented Representative Kevin Tanner with the Champion of Georgia's Cities Award.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilman Clemons made a motion that the Lunsford annexation be sent back to Planning and Zoning Commission. This would allow for them to present their application, due to the Planning and Zoning Board denying the request because the Lunsford's were not present, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS:

Mayor McCullough informed that Ms. Sabrina Walker owner of Spirits Tavern had applied for an alcohol license and asked if everything was in order. City Clerk Lou Stewart informed that all paperwork was in order with no issues. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed that Mr. Brandon Puckett Registered Agent for Achasta had applied for an alcohol license and asked if everything was in order. City Clerk Lou Stewart informed that all paperwork was in order with no issues. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Ridley, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed that Ms. Elizabeth Brightwell owner of Canvas and Cork had applied for a Wine Tasting License and asked if everything was in order. City Clerk Lou Stewart informed

that all paperwork was in order with no issues however; the building still had remodeling to be completed before a CO could be issued. Ms. Stewart asked that the license be approved contingent upon the issuance of the CO. A motion to approve upon the CO being issued was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed that Ms. Patricia D. Creef owner of Back Porch Oyster Bar had applied for a distilled spirits license and asked if everything was in order. City Clerk Lou Stewart informed that all paperwork was in order with no issues. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014. A motion to approve as printed was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014. A motion to approve as printed was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

No comments on department reports.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2014-13 is to allow a portion of the funds that were assigned in the General Fund for the construction of a new City Hall to be unassigned for fund balance. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE:

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 82-1 Amendment #28 for the purpose of including wine tasting with a wine package sales license was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 75-1 Amendment #38 for the purpose of all multi unit buildings be required to have a separate water meter for each unit except in circumstances in which the multi unit building is dedicated exclusively and restricted to specially configured student housing was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Norton informed that he was in agreement for the fee structure however; he felt that the definition of the buildings needed to be more specific in order to determine who is eligible. He further informed he would like for the ordinance amendment to go through first reading and that City Attorney Doug Parks be asked to

define the building definition before the second reading. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion was: Roman Gaddis, Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Voting against the motion was: Terry Peters

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 83-7 Amendment #5 for the purpose of deleting certain definitions of the Cemetery Ordinance was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Peters asked if this removed all restrictions on the trust fund. City Attorney Doug Parks informed that he was waiting on an opinion from City auditors and the amendment will not be effective until after the second reading. Mayor Gary McCullough informed that the trust fund will be put into the Cemetery Fund to be used for maintenance of the Cemetery grounds. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Clemons to set September 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. as the date for the regular Council meeting in September, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the GMA/Penn Credit Contract for services to collect unpaid final water bills was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the RFQ for residential development of the old school property was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the SSI Contract for recycling was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

There was no vote on the W. K. Dickson contract.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

No comments from the City Attorney

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

No comments from City Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting at 7:55 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Peters.

Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough informed that no decision was made in Executive Session.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Ridley and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk