



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

Dahlonega City Council held a Work Session on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at City Hall. Members present were Roman Gaddis, Bruce Hoffman, Terry Peters, Sam Norton, Mitchell Ridley, and Michael Clemons. City Attorney Doug Parks was also in attendance. Mayor Gary McCullough called the work session to order at 4:20 p.m.

Mayor Gary McCullough gives a shout out to all the City workers who helped keep the roads open and clear during the recent ice storm.

RESOLUTION 2015-2 STREETScape FUND

Sabrina Cape, Finance Director was in attendance and informed the Mayor and Council that there needs to be a budget amendment due to the fact that when budget proceedings started there was \$35,000.00 in the Streetscape fund but after the yearend audit there was a decrease to \$32,319.00.

BANNERS FOR DAHLONEGA AWAKE UNTIL LATE-MERCHANT COALITION

Stacy Johnson and Jeremy Rousseau of the Merchant Coalition were in attendance to give an update on the banners for the Awake Until Late event that is going to start once a month from May to December. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Rousseau let Mayor and Council know that there is going to be ten (10) banners with different icons on them and the merchants can sponsor a banner for \$52.00. This would mean no cost to the City. The Merchant Coalition will be paying the City \$150.00 each time the banners are to be changed on the poles by City staff.

DOWNTOWN PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Councilman Sam Norton stated that he and the merchants on the Southside of the Square had a meeting and would like to see a Pilot Program started that would consist of 3 hour parking. This would only be on the Southside of the Square to see how well this would work and if it works then it could be moved to other areas of the Square. Most of the merchants stated those 2 hours are too short and 4 hours is too long. After further discussion by the Council the consensus was to move ahead with the 3 hour parking signs on the Southside of the Square to be enforced Monday-Friday 8am to 5 pm. City Code Enforcement Greg Amos who enforces the parking areas was asked to poll the rest of the merchants and get their opinions of having 3 hour parking in other areas in the downtown area.

Work Session was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.