



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2015

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session Monday, March 2, 2015 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 8:47 p.m. Meeting was called to order late due to an alcohol hearing that started at 4:00 pm in the Council Chamber, therefore; the start time of 6:00pm for the regular monthly meeting was postponed.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Gary McCullough asks for a motion to approve tonight's agenda, Councilman Norton makes the motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Gaddis 2nd the motion, Mayor asks for all in favor say aye, all opposed, motion carried. Voting for the motion were Councilman Norton, Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley and no Council Member voted against the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Public Comment (Please Limit to Three Minutes)

No public comments

CITIZENS:

Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve Fresh 'N Frugal's Beer/Wine Package License, Councilman Ridley makes the motion to approve, Councilman Norton 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks for all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion are Councilman Ridley, Councilman Norton, Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Peters, Councilman Clemons, and Councilman Hoffman, and no Councilmember voted against the motion.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Gaddis makes the motion to approve minutes of February 2, 2015 and February 19, 2015, Councilman Ridley 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks for all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion were Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Ridley, Councilman Norton, Councilman Peters, and no Council Member voted against the motion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor McCullough informed the Council that the Department Reports were in their packets and asked for any discussion, no comments were made on the department reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor McCullough brings forth the approval of Resolution 2015-2 Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2015. Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve. Councilman Peters makes the motion to approve; Councilman Norton 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley, with no Councilman voting against the motion.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS:

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart was in attendance and informed Mayor and Council that approval was needed to vote on the banners that will be placed on the square done by the Dahlonga Awake Until Late –Merchant Coalition. Council stated that they do not want individual business's named at the bottom of the banners with flappers. Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve the Merchant Coalition banners, Councilman Norton makes the motion, Councilman Ridley 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, Councilman Ridley, with no Councilman voting against.

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart discussed of the three (3) hour parking signs on the Southside of the Square. Ms. Stewart asked for direction on the language the Council would like to see on the signs. Council discussed having one (1) sign on the Southside placed in the Island on the right side of the entrance. The signs will state three (3) hour parking 8-5 also, three (3) hour parking will be painted in each parking space. Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve the 3 hour parking sign and painted spaces, Councilman Clemons makes the motion, Councilman Norton 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks for all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion are, Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Council Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, Councilman Ridley, with no Councilman voting against.

MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor McCullough thanks Councilman Sam Norton for being the Mayor Pro-Tem this last year and what a good job he had done. Mayor McCullough asks for a motion to approve Bruce Hoffman as the new Mayor Pro-Tem for the next year. Councilman Ridley makes the motion, Councilman Gaddis 2nd the motion, Mayor McCullough asks for all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the Motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley with no Councilman voting against. Councilman Hoffman abstained.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney Doug Parks was in attendance and let the Mayor and Council know that he will start working to revise the alcohol ordinance in which a disciplinary hearing would go to Municipal Court to be heard by a judge and not the Mayor and Council. Mr. Parks let Mayor and Council know that this will take some time to finish.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

TIME LINE TO HIRE CITY MANAGER:

Mayor and Council brought forth the discussion on starting the interview process for a new City Manager. Council discussed that there are eight (8) Tier 1 candidates and they would like to interview all eight (8). Mayor McCullough stated that he would like for interviews to be set up on March 23rd, 30th and 31st, 2015. Council discussed how many could be interviewed in one day and also discussed offering airfare to the candidates that live out of State. Council agreed to offer airfare and start the interview process as soon as possible.

Mayor asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm, Councilman Gaddis makes the motion to adjourn, Councilman Ridley 2nd the motion Mayor McCullough asks for an all in favor say aye, motion carried. Voting for the motion were Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, Councilman Ridley, with no Council Member voted against the motion.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Angela R. Wirth, City Clerk