



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2015

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 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 6:00pm.

Prayer was led by Mayor Gary McCullough and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Councilman Bruce Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Clemons made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Hoffman seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No Councilman voted against the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No one in attendance.

CITIZENS:

Planning Director Chris Head was in attendance to discuss the Dahlonega Be Healthy Festival. Ms. Head informed the Mayor and Council that the Chamber of Commerce has asked for the Downtown Square to be closed from 9 am to 12 pm for the 5k and Family Runs. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Dahlonega Be Healthy Festival. Councilman Norton made the motion approve. Councilman Clemons seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No Councilman voted against the motion.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Proposed Dog Park. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve. Councilman Ridley seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. It was the consensus of the Council that they were not against a dog park but, not at the location of the Kindergarten property, which Ms. Steele has requested. Mayor McCullough stated there is a motion with a second and asked for an all in favor of the motion to raise their hand. Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Norton, Councilman Ridley were in favor, Mayor McCullough asked for all opposed like sign with Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, and Councilman Peters voting against the motion, Mayor McCullough voted to break the tie vote and voted against the motion.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015 and April 27, 2015. Councilman Clemons made the motion to approve all minutes from April 2015. Councilman Peters

seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No Councilman voted against the motion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor McCullough informed the Council that the Department Reports had been submitted and asked for any discussion. No comments were made on the department reports.

ORDINANCES: 1ST READING:

a. Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 42 Sewer Dump Fees

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart informed the Mayor and Council that this item was discussed in the April 16, 2015, Work Session. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Amendment 42 Sewer Dump Fees. Councilman Peters made the motion to approve. Councilman Norton seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for this motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against.

RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Director Sabrina Cape informed the Mayor and Council that the Resolutions on the agenda are Budgetary and they were discussed at the April 16, 2015 work session, except for Resolution 2015-7 Project Amendment for Debt Restructuring and Resolution 2015-8 to Authorize a Loan from the General Fund to the Streetscape Capital Projects Fund-TIGER 7. Ms. Cape informed Mayor and Council that Resolution 2015-7, if approved, will give her permission to move forward with the debt restructuring, and Resolution 2015-8, if approved, is giving permission for the City to move forward in securing the TIGER 7 Grant and approving the funds to help secure it. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve all Resolutions on the Agenda. Councilman Clemons made the motion to approve all Resolutions:

2015-4 Capital Re-Appropriation for FY 2015

2015-5 Budget Amendment for Reservoir Stairs for FY 2015

2015-6 Budget Amendment for Wimpy Mill Rd for FY 2015

2015-7 Project Amendment for Debt Restructuring

2015-8 Authorize a Loan from the General Fund to the Streetscape Capital Projects Fund-TIGER 7.

Councilman Ridley seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against the motion.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart informed the Mayor and Council that the Barlow Rd Proposed Park was discussed at the April 16, 2015, Work Session. It was the consensus of the Council that they will lease instead of deed this property to the University. Mayor McCullough asked for staff and City Attorney Doug Parks to meet with the University and see if they will enter into a lease/intergovernmental agreement with the City.

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that approval was needed for the Troutman and Sanders Contract Renewal. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. Councilman Gaddis made

the motion to approve. Councilman Peters seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against the motion.

Mayor McCullough raised up agenda item Approval three (3) Hour Parking on the Northside of the Square. Councilman Michael Clemons wanted to know why N. Park St was not included when it was discussed at the April 16, 2015 Work Session. Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart informed Mayor and Council that N. Park St. was discussed, but the final consensus was to implement the Northside and N. Chestatee St. It was the consensus of the Council that N. Park St. should be included as part of the three (3) hour parking. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve three (3) hour parking on the north side of the Square. Councilman Clemons made the motion to approve three (3) hour parking on the Northside of the Square to also include N. Chestatee St., and N. Park St. Councilman Ridley seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The Motion carried by a five (5) to one (1) vote. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. Councilman Hoffman opposing the motion.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the pre-application for the TIGER 7 Grant. Councilman Gaddis made the motion. Councilman Norton seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against.

Mayor McCullough initiated the discussion of the UNG Crosswalk Project on Main St. Council asked City Engineer Mark Buchanan if the crosswalk was to engineering standards. He informed the Council that it was. The University had completed everything that he had asked for. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the crosswalk project. Councilman Norton made the motion to approve a raised crosswalk. Councilman Hoffman seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against. Following the vote Councilman Norton also asked Mayor McCullough if staff could check with the University and see if there are still plans for a sidewalk between Walker Dr. and Sunset Dr. on the other side of the street from the University cafeteria.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Rock Pointe Townhomes Service Delivery Letter. Councilman Hoffman made the motion. Councilman Clemons seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in to favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against.

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart provided information regarding the North Georgia Network Contract and ETC Service Agreement which is the fiber optic to be implemented at City Hall. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve these contracts. Councilman Clemons made the motion to approve the contracts. Councilman Gaddis seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Bond Debt Restructure. Councilman Peters made the motion. Councilman Gaddis seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for the motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No councilman voted against.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment recommendations of Jimmy Faulkner and Cal McGraw to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Clemons made the motion to re-appoint Jimmy Faulkner and Cal McGraw to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Norton seconded. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for this motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No Councilmember voted against the motion.

Mayor McCullough informed the public that the Council has identified a date upon which a hiring decision for City Manager will be made. The date will be May 19, 2015. There was only one candidate under consideration, Mr. William E. Schmid.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Councilman Clemons made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Hoffman seconded. Mayor asked for all in to favor say aye, all opposed like sign. The motion carried unanimously. Voting for this motion are Councilman Gaddis, Councilman Clemons, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Peters, Councilman Norton, and Councilman Ridley. No Councilmember voted against the motion.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Gary McCullough, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela R. Wirth, City Clerk