

**Dahlonge City Council  
Special Meeting  
April 21, 2010**

The Dahlonge City Council met at City Hall on April 21, 2010. Members present were Mayor Gary McCullough, Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Michael Clemons, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Johnny Ariemma. Also present were City Manager Bill Lewis, Finance Director Christopher Austin and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

**COUNTY CONTRACT-PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION:**

City Manager Bill Lewis explained that this was the same contract that the City has had with the County for some time. This contract goes into effect yearly, unless a new Tax Commissioner is elected at which time it would need to be renewed. Councilman Ariemma questioned if this contract could be updated. City Attorney Doug Parks stated that the existing contract is in good order and feels there is no need for any updates at this time. Finance Director Christopher Austin also stated that in his research he had found that the taxes collected for the City and the time table in which it was remitted to the city is reasonable. Councilman Prescott made a motion to approve contract, Councilman Norton seconded and motion was approved by all members present.

**BEER AND WINE LICENSE-SUSHI MOTO:**

Mayor Gary McCullough asked Assistant City Clerk Lou Stewart the status of the background checks for the applicants of Sushi Moto restaurant concerning application for a beer and wine license. Mrs. Stewart stated that there were no issues with the report findings. Councilman Clemons made a motion to approve the application for beer and wine to Alfred Chang. Councilman Peters seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR JULY:**

Due to the regular monthly council meeting date being July 5<sup>th</sup>, which would fall during the holiday week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, the council felt this should be changed. After discussion it was agreed that the July council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Councilman Clemons made a motion for the change, Councilman Prescott seconded and was approved by all members present.

**SELECTION OF PARKING CONSULTANT:**

Mayor McCullough informed the council that it has been recommended that a contract for the parking study for the downtown area be awarded to Tim Haahs in the amount of \$19,900.00. Councilman Ariemma stated that he was opposed to spending tax payers money to pay for this study. He also feels that we do not need a parking deck at this time but recommended to look at this need in the future. Mayor McCullough stated that the city needs to move forward with this because we need to at least

have a plan and see what our options are. He also stated that the DDA had agreed to make a contribution of \$10,000.00 toward this study. Councilman Prescott made a motion to approve the contract and Councilman Norton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Prescott, Lord, Peters and Norton. Councilman Ariemma and Councilman Clemons voted against the motion.

**NON CONFORMING EASEMENT DEED:**

City Attorney Doug Parks explained that the utility easement document for a sewer line on Riley Road that the City purchased from Lumpkin County has some terms that were not agreed upon in the original document. The easement that had been recorded by the County Attorney had limits to what the City could use this easement for. Mr. Parks stated that one other document was created by the County which was also not acceptable. He informed council that he had met with County officials and County Attorney Casey Horne and felt the issues had been resolved. Mr. Parks requested that an affidavit be signed rejecting the first easement that had been recorded and when a new easement agreement with all the original documentation is completed, he will inform council at that time. Councilman Peters made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilman Ariemma seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor McCullough requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Councilman Norton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lord seconded the motion which was approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**APRIL 21, 2010**

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT REVIEW & DISCUSSION:**

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard was present to answer any questions that the Mayor and Council might have concerning the agreement. There were no questions at this time for all Council members felt this was a good agreement.

**MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:**

Finance Director Christopher Austin informed council of the city's mid-year financial activities. He stated that the city was right on track for revenues and expenses with our budget. He also feels that the city is seeing small signs of recovery in these difficult economic times. City Manager Bill Lewis also informed council that last year at this time we had issued eight (8) building permits and this year we have issued eleven (11), and there are more to come.

Councilman Ariemma asked what the status was on the difference in usage from the NGCSU meter change out. City Manager Bill Lewis stated that he did not think we had billed for a full month usage on all the meters at this time. Assistant City Clerk Lou Stewart advised that due to holidays and spring break that this statement was true. The first full month billing cycle with all new meters installed as of this date will be on the 4/10 to 5/10 billing.

Councilman Peters asked how the collection of property taxes was at this time. Finance Director Christopher Austin informed council that he had spoken with County Tax Commissioner, Rachel Pruitt and she stated that she still has some large property owners that she has not been able to collect their taxes. However, she is trying to move forward on the collection process. Councilman Peters also questioned collection of Sales Tax. Mr. Austin informed council that we were still a month to a month and half behind on collection, but it is starting to come in on a more timely basis.

Work Session was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.