

**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2011**

The Dahlonega City Council met at City Hall on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. Members present were Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Michael Clemons, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Johnny Ariemma. Also present were City Manager Bill Lewis and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

At this time, Mayor McCullough turned the meeting over to Attorney, Read Gignilliat. Mr. Gignilliat informed he was present to discuss the matters of the ongoing issues pertaining to Councilman Johnny Ariemma. He stated Council is aware a grievance was filed and since that time an investigation has been conducted and a report (including two (2) supplemental reports) has been prepared and submitted by the investigator. Subsequent to the initial report being issued the Council adopted a Resolution and Charter amendment which established procedures for removal proceedings. He informed at this point, that the Resolution and Charter amendment require that the Council make a determination of whether or not probable cause exists to warrant moving forward with removal proceedings. He further informed, this meeting is not a hearing, and there is no evidence presented but that the determination is based on the report and supplemental reports previously submitted to and reviewed by the Mayor and Council Members. It is not about a determination of whether or not Councilman Ariemma should be removed, it is simply a determination of whether procedurally matters should go forward from this point to an actual hearing.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion, Councilman Gerald Lord made a motion that probable cause be found and move this matter to the next stage, seconded by Ralph Prescott. Mayor McCullough asked for any comments or questions, hearing none he asked for all in favor raise your hand, motion approved by the following vote: Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Michael Clemons, Terry Peters and Sam Norton. Johnny Ariemma did not vote.

Mayor McCullough informed this being the only stated business for this Council meeting he entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Terry Peters, second by Sam Norton and approved by the following vote: Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Michael Clemons, Terry Peters and Sam Norton. Johnny Ariemma did not vote.

APPROVED BY ME _____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk