

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2012

The Dahlonega City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at City Hall. Members present were Ralph Prescott, Gerald Lord, Terry Peters and Johnny Ariemma. Sam Norton and Bruce Hoffman were not present. Also present was City Manager Bill Lewis and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Ariemma, seconded by Councilman Lord. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND DDA DISTRICT:

Mayor McCullough requested the consideration for approval of a Resolution to expand the DDA district to include the former Mohawk industry site and the old Water Plant property. A motion was made by Councilman Lord, seconded by Councilman Prescott. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Prescott questioned if another offer was made on the old Water Plant property would this be affected by adopting this resolution. Mayor McCullough stated, it would not. After further discussion, Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed, motion carried unanimously.

FARMERS MARKET:

Mayor McCullough requested that DDA Director Joel Cordle give a presentation concerning the Farmers Market. Mr. Cordle informed Council an Ordinance update was needed for several obsolete items and some circumstances had changed since the original adoption. He further informed that a Committee was formed to review and work through these items with staff. The Committee members were Ralph Prescott, Bruce Hoffman, Hal Williams and Donna Logan. The updates consisted of the location of the market, dates and times, fee for application and allotted space for vendors. Councilman

Lord questioned why the Farmers Market was being moved from Hancock Park. City Manager Bill Lewis informed the space would be needed for the Diving Bell project that would be under construction during this time. Mayor McCullough stated the new location would provide more vendor space and more parking. Councilman Peters stated he was concerned we were moving too fast with this decision. He questioned what days the Farmers Market would be allowed in the new location. Mr. Cordle informed it will now only be on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. It will no longer be allowed during weekdays due to only having one or two vendors. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion of approval for the Farmers Market Ordinance updates to raise their hand, all opposed, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Ralph Prescott, Johnny Ariemma and Terry Peters. Gerald Lord abstained.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Prescott, seconded by Councilman Ariemma. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk