

**DAHLONEGA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 31, 2008**

The Dahlongega City Council met at City Hall on January 31, 2008. Council members present were Terry Peters, Guy Laboa, Sam Norton, Gerald Lord and Michael Clemons. Mayor Gary McCullough called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

City Manager Bill Lewis advised that the purpose of the meeting is for information only concerning the feasibility of rerouting utility lines for Contract B. Mr. Lewis also advised that the net costs for these changes are not available at this time and therefore no council action is needed. Mr. Lewis reminded the council that there was a bid dispute and the project was rebid. There is now an opportunity to change the contract to accommodate future growth. JJ & G Engineering personnel were present at the meeting. Ben Williams advised that the bid opening can be postponed two weeks without delaying the project as bond proceeds will not be ready at this time. Mr. Williams requested City Project Manager Ricky Stewart to outline the proposed changes. Mr. Stewart advised that there are proposed changes to the scope of work from the original bid. These changes remove the existing four-inch sewer force main from under the reservoir which will reduce the potential contamination to the water supply if a break in the lines occurs underwater. It also improves the flow capacity and pipe strength by increasing the line size from four-inch PVC to 6-inch DIP. This work can be done at a discounted rate due to the costs associated with another contract at a later date. The grinder pump at the new water treatment plant can be eliminated which will be a substantial savings. The force main from the water treatment plant to Porter Village lift station can also be eliminated. Generators planned for Porter Village and Yahoola Lift stations can be eliminated and there will be no need for future upgrades for the Yahoola lift station. The Wal-Mart Pump Station capacity would be increased due to upsizing the line, reducing cooling associated with grease solidification, and eliminating the grease trap at the manhole adjacent to the Yahoola pump station. The new lines would also relieve flow from the downtown sewer collection system reducing manhole overflow potential. Downtown sewer lines can be rehabilitated rather than replaced. Mr. Stewart advised that it will be less expensive to place the new line on the bypass than to rebuild the existing downtown sewer system and there will also be no disruption to traffic due to construction. The new lines will also improve the potential service ability to the west and north sides of the city and construction costs will be less now than in the future. Mr. Stewart emphasized that the changes in the scope of the project have changed due to recent and future development. Mr. Williams advised that the new water treatment plant contract price was \$500,000 under their estimate. The city plans to receive \$22,800,000 in bond proceeds. Mr. Stewart also advised that the city may be eligible for additional GEFA funds as one of the major projects included in the GEFA loan application will no longer be required if the council approves these changes. Mr. Lewis also advised that federal funding is still a possibility. Mr. Lewis also advised that the city has a 17.9 percent growth rate which would be another reason for this additional work to be done under Contract B. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.