

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2012

The Dahlonega City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at City Hall. Members present were Sam Norton, Terry Peters, Johnny Ariemma, Bruce Hoffman and Gerald Lord. Ralph Prescott was not present. Also present were City Manager Bill Lewis and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Gary 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 like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION:

Financial Consultant Sabrina Cape informed Council the five (5) year levy on property taxes had been advertised and the FY 2012 millage rate recommendation is 4.656 percent in order to be revenue neutral and this will be the millage rate that will be given to the Tax Commissioner. Councilman Lord made a motion to set the millage rate at 4.656 and this rate will be given to the Tax Commissioner, seconded by Councilman Ariemma. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Councilman Ariemma informed that this was not a tax increase, but only a tax roll up in order to be revenue neutral. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

HPC RULES OF PROCEDURES ADOPTION:

Councilman Lord informed Council of his concerns with the process of approval and then allowing changes in the concept after being built. He further informed he felt a penalty should be added in these rules of procedures to keep these changes from being made. Councilman Peters questioned if the applicant could be made to refile and start the process over along with paying the fees again. City Attorney Doug Parks responded yes, these rules are to govern internal to what they are allowed to do and a COA can be withheld until everything is approved. Councilman Norton informed that he felt it might be helpful to put a time limit between when an application was submitted and the COA was given. Mr. Parks stated that was a good idea. Planning Director Chris Head informed that the HPC Chairman could offer this type of control. After further discussion, Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the HPC Rules of Procedures. A motion was made by Councilman Lord, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk