



**CITY OF DAHLONEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 7, 2014**

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Members present were Roman Gaddis, Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Also present were City Manager Bruce Georgia and City Attorney Doug Parks. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – American Flag:**

The prayer was led by Mayor Gary McCullough and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Michael Clemons.

**Agenda Approval:**

Mayor McCullough requested to amend the agenda to move #12A – the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Board member after public comments. A motion to amend was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Peters. Councilman Clemons requested to amend the agenda to add all the Public Hearing items on the agenda for first reading, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the agenda amendments to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor McCullough recommended Council approval to appoint Ms. Dana LaChance as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens:**

- A. Ms. Amy Laseter, Owner of Gustavo's requested approval of a Distilled Spirits license for consumption on premises. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ms. Phyllis McNinch, Owner of Georgia Winery of Dahlonega requested approval of a Wine Tasting License. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by

Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

- C. Ms. Patricia D. Creef, Owner of Back Porch Oyster Bar requested approval of a Distilled Spirits license for consumption on premises. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons to table the request for sixty (60) days, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Michael Clemons, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Voting against the motion: Roman Gaddis and Bruce Hoffman.

**Announcements – Public Comments (Please Limit to Three Minutes):**

No public comments.

**Minute Approval:**

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

- A. Planning Department and Code Enforcement Reports
- B. Chamber of Commerce Report
- C. Historic Preservation Commission Report
- D. Monthly Financial Report
- E. Projects Update Report
- F. DDA Report
- G. City Clerk Report

All department reports were submitted for review. Interim Finance Director Sabrina Cape informed Council concerning cash and equity reserves. Ms. Cape further informed that GFOA recommends having two (2) months of cash reserve and three (3) months for equity. Mayor McCullough asked that this be placed on the July 17<sup>th</sup> Work Session for discussion.

Mayor McCullough informed that Ricky Stewart will be leaving the City and thanked him for all that he has done. Mayor McCullough further informed that in the time Mr. Stewart had been with the City he had implemented the radio read system, managed the construction of the Hancock Park Pavilion, saved the City \$1 Million dollars during the construction of the new water plant, implemented the Street Construction Crew and designed the turn lane on South Chestatee/Morrison Moore.

**Consent Agenda: Resolutions:**

- A. Resolution 2014-6 – Budget Amendment for Cemetery Project
- B. Resolution 2014-7 – Budget Amendment for LMIG Program Funds
- C. Resolution 2014-8 – Budget Amendment for Capital Equipment
- D. Resolution 2014-9 – Budget Amendment for Water Intake Permit Applications
- E. Resolution 2014-10 – To Approve Plan to Create a Picnic Area – Old Dahlonga Water Plant

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda for all Resolutions. A motion was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinances:**

- A. Approval of Hotel Motel Tax Ordinance 85-2 Amendment 6

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Hotel Motel Tax Ordinance 85-2 Amendment 6. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing:**

- A. Ordinance 2014-3 – Growler Licensing – First Reading

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2014-3 for Growler Licensing. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

- B. Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment for Requirement of License Fee for Additional Bars-First Reading

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment 9 for the requirement of license fees for additional bars. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

- C. Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment for Serving in Plastic Cups – First Reading

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment 10 to be allowed to serve in plastic cups. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Ridley, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

- D. Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment for Catering – First Reading

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2005-2 Amendment 11 to allow for a catering license. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Clemons made a motion that a Special Called Meeting be scheduled at 4:00 p.m. prior to the July 17<sup>th</sup> Work Session to have the second reading on all the above public hearing items, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager Comments:**

- A. Approval of Proposal for Recycling

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed this was the proposal that was discussed at the Work Session and asked for approval of the proposal. A motion to approve the proposal from Sanitary Solutions was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to

say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously. Mayor McCullough requested that a letter be sent to all residents concerning the new recycling program.

**B. Approval of Resolution 2014-12 to Rename City Hall Building**

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed this Resolution was concerning the new HB 60 and to help secure City Hall. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**C. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement - Bus Parking**

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed that the IGA was at the County for discussion. This will allow three (3) bus parking spaces for the City. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the IGA. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**D. Approval of Stairs at Reservoir**

City Manager Bruce Georgia informed that this item will be a joint project with the County. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, Councilman Peters informed this should be contingent upon EPD regulations. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

After discussion concerning the hours of Hancock Park, Councilman Norton made a motion to change the hours of operation to begin at 5:00 a.m., seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**City Attorney Comments:**

Mr. Parks had no comments.

**Council Comments:**

Councilman Norton stated his appreciation for the good job that the Chamber did with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Public Hearing – Continued From June 2, 2014:**

The Public Hearing was reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

**A. James Parks – Rezoning From OI “C” – Office Institutional With Conditions to R1 – Residential Single Family**

Councilman Norton made a motion to approve rezoning of the large tract, which is tract number two (2) to R1 without conditions, except for the Reservoir Management Plan State required buffer requirements, pending a clean survey showing setbacks plus other usual and customary information including metes and bounds. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Bruce Hoffman, Roman Gaddis and Sam Norton. Voting

against the motion: Terry Peters, Michael Clemons and Mitchell Ridley. Mayor McCullough broke the tie vote by voting in favor of the motion.

B. James Parks – Rezoning From OI “C” – to OI

Councilman Norton made a motion to approve the rezoning of the small tract, which is currently zoned OI with conditions to OI without conditions except the conditions as stated in the State Reservoir Management Plan buffer requirements, pending a clean survey showing setbacks plus other usual and customary information including metes and bounds and a site plan. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gaddis.

Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Bruce Hoffman, Roman Gaddis and Sam Norton. Voting against the motion: Terry Peters, Michael Clemons and Mitchell Ridley. Mayor McCullough broke the tie vote by voting in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

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Lou Stewart, City Clerk