

# **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 3, 2014**

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at City Hall. Members present were Mitchell Ridley, Sam Norton, Terry Peters, Bruce Hoffman, Michael Clemons and Roman Gaddis. City Attorney Doug Parks was also present. Mayor Gary McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The prayer was led by Michael Clemons and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Terry Peters.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Mayor Gary McCullough requested approval to amend the agenda to move item #12D after public comments and also remove item #10B from the agenda. A motion to approve as amended 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

City Attorney Doug Parks asked that the Saine property annexation, Ordinance 2014-8, second reading be continued by a motion of the Council, to the October Council Meeting. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to continue. A motion was made by Councilman Norton to continue Ordinance 2014-8, Saine property, second reading to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Doug Parks asked that the Turner property annexation, Ordinance 2014-9, second reading be continued by a motion of the Council, to the October Council Meeting. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to continue. A motion was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

### **MINUTE APPROVAL:**

City Attorney Doug Parks requested that a change be made to the August 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting minutes. On page three (3), paragraph two (2), he asked that the wording city auditor be changed to trust expert. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes. A motion to approve as amended 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.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 18<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Gaddis. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions. Hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup>. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions. Hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions. Hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Mayor McCullough informed that all department reports had been submitted and asked for any comments. DDA Director Joel Cordle informed the RFQ's were due September 8th by 4:00 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15, which is a budget amendment for a facility recommendation and feasibility analysis. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16, which is a budget amendment for the Sanitation Solutions, Inc. agreement for recyclables. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17, which is to establish fees for off premises alcoholic beverage catering permits. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons for further discussion of this item, seconded by Councilman Peters. Councilman Clemons informed that the public had informed him they preferred one set fee. City Attorney Doug Parks informed the fees were established in this manner for the intent of not having an off premises cash bar. Mr. Parks further informed that we could revisit this at the January Work Session to discuss how the application process is working. After further discussion, Councilman Clemons made a motion to withdraw his motion, seconded by Councilman Peters. Councilman Clemons made a motion to accept the fees as presented, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18, to adopt the FY 2015 budget. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Interim Finance Director Sabrina Cape informed that any moving of funds between departments will be brought before Council for approval. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 82-1 Amendment 28, second reading for wine tasting with a wine package sales license only. 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 McCullough asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 83-7 Amendment 5, second reading of the Cemetery Ordinance to release the trust fund for maintenance of Dahlongega Memorial Park. 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.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 39 for the rate increase of the water and sewer rates. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion. Interim Finance Director Sabrina Cape informed this was an increase of \$.25 cents per thousand gallons, per increment to be effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the Reservoir Dock that is a joint project with Lumpkin County and each entity will pay one-half (1/2) of the total cost. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Gaddis, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the increase of the Hancock Park Rental Fees for events. A motion to approve 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 asked for a motion to approve the selected audit RFP which was Rushton and Company. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve an Interim City Manager contract with Mr. Bill Lewis. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough stated that everyone was looking forward to working with Mr. Lewis again. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to raise their hand, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

No comments at this time.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Gaddis asked everyone to please remember their Goals and Initiatives that were set at the Council Retreat. Mayor McCullough informed that he would like to have a one day retreat to discuss these items with Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis informed that he had reviewed the Goals and Initiatives however; at this time he felt it was important to concentrate on administrative issues that need to be addressed and regain stability back in the staff.

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

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

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Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

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Lou Stewart, City Clerk