

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2015

The Dahlonega City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at City Hall. Members present were Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Terry Peters, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Roman Gaddis was not present. 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 Gary McCullough and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mitchell Ridley.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sky Country resident Gerald Lewy thanked the City for picking up all the trash on Wimpy Mill Road and also requested that trash pickup be done on Morrison Moore Parkway and down Highway 60 South.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Gary McCullough presented and read a Proclamation for Mike Crann “Biker Mike” to proclaim January 5, 2015 as “Biker Mike” day in Dahlonega. This Proclamation was given for all his generosity in helping the City maintain the flowers, trees and many other kind acts of labor for the downtown area.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Dean Stroker requested approval to rezone his property from R3 to PUD for a student housing project on Leger Road. Mr. Stroker informed that when he met with the Planning and Zoning Commission they approved the rezoning however; they requested an architectural plan be submitted. Ms. Chris Head, Planning Director informed that Mr. Stroker understood his plans must meet the requirements for a master meter. After further discussion, Councilman Norton made a motion to approve the rezoning from R3 to PUD, with the condition that architectural plans be submitted, seconded by Councilman Ridley. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Voting against the motion: Terry Peters.

Mr. Dana Miles, Attorney for Mallory & Evans requested another parcel that joins their development which is owned by the West Brothers to be rezoned to PUD. This will allow for them to increase the student housing to 568 students. It also allows for buffer space and interconnectivity

into college facilities. There will be a site plan change to include a Phase I and Phase II. Mr. Miles informed that Phase I should be completed by August 1, 2015. He further informed that this development was ten (10) acres prior and the new site plan will be eighteen (18) acres. With the expansion, there may be a need to operate a shuttle bus to the campus and developers plan to discuss this option before Phase II is completed. After further discussion, Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the rezoning, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried by the following vote: Voting for the motion: Michael Clemons, Bruce Hoffman, Sam Norton and Mitchell Ridley. Voting against the motion: Terry Peters.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014 and December 18, 2014. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any corrections or additions. Councilman Peters asked that a correction be made on the December 1st minutes, to add a second on the motion concerning the Fieldale rezoning and to change the bid amount on the Wimpy Mill Road paving from \$19,057.65 to \$109,057.65. Councilman Clemons restated his motion to include these corrections, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor Gary McCullough informed all reports had been submitted.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 94-7 Amendment 12 concerning the increase to sanitation rates. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 83-7 Amendment 9 concerning open/close fees. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor of the motion to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2004-5 Amendment 1 concerning the increase in park fees. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Assistant City Manager Lou Stewart informed that the State Election code mandated that qualifying fees be published in the paper before February 1st. Ms. Stewart requested approval of the fee for each post which will be \$144.00. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for any

discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Lou Stewart informed Council that the Chargepoint Agreement for approval was for the electric car charging station. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Ridley, seconded by Councilman Norton. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Lou Stewart informed Council that Task Order No. 6 was a contract for services from W. K. Dickson concerning the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ms. Stewart further informed that the contract cost was included in the Corrective Action Plan cost that had been approved at the December meeting. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Peters, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Lou Stewart informed Council that the Tourism Agreement and Cost Allocation Plan had been submitted by the Chamber for approval. Mayor McCullough asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Peters. Mayor McCullough asked for any discussion, hearing none, he asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Gary McCullough recommended the appointment of Ms. Bebe Blount to the Historic Preservation Commission. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Councilman Ridley, seconded by Councilman Clemons. Mayor McCullough asked for all in favor to say aye, all opposed like sign, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gary McCullough recommended the appointment of Mr. Tony Faiia to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to approve the appointment 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.

Mayor McCullough entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Clemons, seconded by Councilman Norton and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Gary McCullough, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk