



# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## Council Meeting Minutes

February 01, 2021 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

<p>PRESENT          Mayor Norton – absent          Mayor Pro-Tempore JoAnne Taylor          Council Member Mitchell Ridley          Council Member Ron Larson          Council Member Roman Gaddis          Council Member Johnny Ariemma          Council Member Joel Cordle – newly appointed</p>	<p>PRESENT          City Clerk Mary Csukas          Director Melody Marlowe          City Manager Bill Schmid          Director Kevin Herrit          Director Mark Buchanan</p>	<p>PRESENT          City Attorney Doug Parks          Cemetery Chairman Chris Worwick</p>
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### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called the Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Council Member Ridley led the Prayer, and Council Member Ariemma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

*Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, seconded by Council Member Larson.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Gaddis.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

No Public Comments

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

- a. Council Meeting Minutes - January 4, 2021, Mary Csukas, City Clerk  
 Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes on January 4, 2021, as written.

*Motion made by Council Member Ridley, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma*

### APPOINTMENT/RECOGNITION

1. Swearing-in Ceremony of Joel Cordle to City Council, Mary Csukas, City Clerk  
 Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor expressed thanks for having Joel Cordle for the next eleven months as a Council Member of the City Council and asked Ms. Csukas to swear in Joel Cordle as a voting member of the Dahlonega City Council.

Ms. Csukas led Joel Cordle through reading and signing the oath of office as a Council Member to the Dahlonge City Council.

2. Appointment of Christopher Worick to the Cemetery Committee, Mary Csukas, City Clerk  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve Christopher Worick as a voting member of the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee.

*Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle*

Ms. Csukas led Chris Worick through reading and signing his oath of office as a member of the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee.

3. Appointment of Jane Mellor to the Cemetery Committee, Mary Csukas, City Clerk  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve Jane Mellor as a Dahlonge Cemetery Committee member.

*Motion made by Council Member Ariemma, Seconded by Council Member Larson.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle.*

Ms. Csukas led Jane Mellor through reading and signing the oath of office as a member of the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee.

4. Appointment of Terry Grizzle to the Cemetery Committee, Mary Csukas, City Clerk  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve Terry Grizzle as a voting member of the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee.

*Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Ariemma.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle*

*Voting Abstaining: Council Member Ridley*

Ms. Csukas led Terry Grizzle through reading and signing the oath of office as a member of the Dahlonge Cemetery Committee.

5. Appointment of James T. Guy to the Planning Commission, Kevin Herrit, Director of Community Development

Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve James T. Guy as a voting member of the Dahlonge Planning Commission.

*Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle.*

Ms. Csukas led James T. Guy through reading and signing the oath of office as a member of the Planning Commission.

6. Appointment of Doby McCluskey to the Historic Preservation Commission, Kevin Herrit, Director of Community Development

Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to approve Doby McCluskey as a Dahlonega Historic Preservation Commission member.

*Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Larson.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle.*

Mr. Doby McCluskey was unable to attend the meeting tonight, and he will be sworn in at the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT/CITY REPORTS:

7. Financial Report - December 2020, Melody Marlowe, Director

Director Marlowe outlined the progress of the current City of Dahlonega budget.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

8. 147 N Park Building Demo, Bill Schmid, City Manager

City Manager Schmid outlined the need to move forward with accepting bids for the demolition of the old school building located on the property at 147 N Park Street.

*Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.*

Council Members discussed the building's age and state in question and the need to proceed with the demolition for safety reasons. In previous years, the Downtown Development Authority Board was in discussions concerning this property's development.

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle.*

#### COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments – No Comments at this time.

City Manager Comments –

1. Second Call to architect for Head House scheduled for this Friday,
2. We are working with Sam McDuffie, tourism committee, on auto enthusiast events in town.
3. Clint Fortner is being honored as the Rotary Employee of the Year at the Rotary Club this Thursday.
4. We are seeing substantial progress with the Wimpy Mill Park and kayak launch.
5. City Manager Schmid praised Melody Marlowe, Mak Yari, and Mark Buchanan for implementing the stormwater project.

City Attorney Comments – No Comments at this time.

City Council Comments –

Council Member Cordle thanked everyone for the opportunity to be part of the Council.

Council Member Ariemma welcomed Joel Cordle to the City Council and thanked all of the volunteers for their time and efforts assisting the City.

Council Member Gaddis praised Clint Fortner as the Rotary Employee of the Year, welcomed Joel Cordle to the City Council, and praised staff for their efforts in making stormwater part of utility billing as Stormwater will be a big part of the future of Dahlonega.

Council Member Ridley welcomed Joel Cordle to the City Council and agreed that Stormwater is a fair and equitable part of the City and will alleviate many of our citizens' hardships.

Council Member Larson welcomed Joel Cordle to the City Council and thanked the newly appointed volunteers for their time and efforts in each program, especially the cemetery committee and the addition of the columbarium at Memorial Cemetery. He praised the new stormwater program and outlined that misinformation is circulating in social media at this time. Still, Stormwater will generate roughly over \$300,000 in annual revenue. This strategic plan of the Stormwater implementation will allow businesses and residents to share the burden of Stormwater.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor welcomed Joel Cordle to the City Council and thanked all of the people we have volunteered for Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tempore Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

*Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.*

*Voting Yea: Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Cordle.*

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Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Csukas, City Clerk