

CITY OF DAHLONEGA Public Hearing Minutes

January 21, 2025, 4:00 PM Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Ariemma, Bagley, Brown, Gaddis, and Shirley; Councilmember Reagin was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

 Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Zoning Map Doug Parks, City Attorney

Doug Parks, City Attorney, addressed the Council and stated that it is general practice to annually update the Zoning Map. Attorney Parks provided a reminder that today's presentation was for informational purposes only and that the Council would be requested to vote on the Map's adoption during the Regular Meeting of February 3.

Councilmember Reagin arrived at 4:01 p.m.

Allison Martin, City Manager, addressed the Council and advised that since the last approval of the Zoning Map, 2020, the City contracted with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) to draft a new map. It was determined to use the adopted Map of 2017 and to review and ensure that all modifications from 2017 until present adopted by the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals were incorporated in this afternoon's presentation.

Manager Martin stated that, moving forward, the City's mapping technician will use shape files and attribute tables. Manager Martin confirmed that the City will provide shape files to the County, she further stated that receiving shape files will provide added security as they will have all data layers and Lumpkin County has been instructed to contact the City prior to modifying the Map.

Attorney Parks opened the Public Hearing calling for comments from individuals wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to the Item; no comments were provided.

Attorney Parks closed the Public Hearing.

The Council held a discussion that included questions regarding the master document containing the shape files.

Manager Martin addressed the Council and confirmed that the City has the master document which contains the data and shape files, she stated that the City will share with the County.

No Council action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Councilmember Bagley and a second by Councilmember Shirley to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Motion carried unanimously, and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlonega will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlonega commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ... for ALL!

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2025.

6Anne Taylor, Mayor

Rhonda P. Hansard, City Clerk