



CITY OF DAHLONEGA
City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Norton
Councilmember Roman Gaddis
Councilmember Ron Larson
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma
Councilmember Joel Cordle

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and immediately asked for a motion to suspend the meeting to go to the Work Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,
Councilmember Cordle

Mayor Norton called to adjourn the Work Session and reconvene the Special Called Meeting at 6:22pm

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,
Councilmember Cordle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton called for a motion to amend the agenda adding 2 items.

- #4 Public Safety 2021 Off System Safety
- #5- Mayor Pro Tempore appointment

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,
Councilmember Cordle

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Employee Benefits Program, Allison Martin, Finance Director and Matt Bidwell, MSI Benefits Group, Inc.

Mayor Norton called for possible motion to accept the staff recommendation for the Employee Benefits recommendation.

Motion made by Councilmember Cordle, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle
Voting Nay: Councilmember Larson

2. Proclamation - Official 2021 City of Dahlonega / Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament
A signed joint proclamation to support the CHP Collectors Ornament.
Mayor Norton called for the will of the Council.
Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

3. Proclamation - Matthew Garner Chair of Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2020-2021
Joint proclamation in appreciation for the service of Matthew Garner
Mayor Norton asked for the motion from the Council.
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

4. 2021 Off Systems Safety, Mark Buchanan for Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager
A recommendation for the 2021 Off Systems Safety Striping at full proposed budget.
Mayor Norton called for the Council's approval.
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

5. Mayor ProTempre, Sam Norton, Mayor
A recommendation for Joel Cordle as Mayor Pro Tempore for the remainder of this term.
Mayor Norton called for the Council's approval
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments - none

City Manager Comments- Director Martin spoke on behalf of City Manager Schmid welcoming City Marshal Albert on our team.

Director Martin informed Council of the need for exceptions to PTO time based on the dedication of employees changing vacations to accommodate the needs of the city, to allow extension of PTO through this calendar year.

Director Martin stated that because of the pandemic there is a need for the proposed policy modeled after both Federal and County policies allowing staff to donate leave time to those who may need it through this calendar year.

City Attorney Comments - none

City Council Commented on the need for COVID safety as community members have become ill and concerns for those that we know. Using masks and immunizing helps slow the spread.

Mayor Comments- Reminded Council of donations needed for the City's Christmas Party to purchase gifts for the children.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,
Councilmember Cordle