



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

June 01, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Platform, Dahlonega City Hall

<p>PRESENT – Zoom Mayor Sam Norton - absent Council Member Roman Gaddis Council Member Mitchell Ridley Council Member Ron Larson Council Member JoAnne Taylor Council Member Helen Hardman Council Member Johnny Ariemma</p>	<p>PRESENT- Zoom City Clerk Mary Csukas Director Melody Marlowe City Manager Bill Schmid Director Mark Buchanan Director Kevin Herrit Marshal Jeff Branyon</p>	<p>PRESENT – Zoom City Attorney Doug Parks Director Shannon Ferguson DDA Program Assistant Director Carolyn McDuffie Tourism Director Sam McDuffie Chamber President Rob Nichols</p>
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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis called for a motion to amend and approve the agenda to include Budget Funds Transfer.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Larson.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

- o No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis called for a motion to approve all Meeting Minutes as presented; Special Called Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2020, Special Called Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2020, Work Session Minutes - April 20, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2020, Special Called Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2020

Motion made by Council Member Ariemma, Seconded by Council Member Ridley.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION – Bill Schmid, City Manager

1. Resolution 2020-10: Authorization to develop a stormwater management system
Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis reminded Council that this Resolution 2020-10 is to allow the adoption of the Stormwater Ordinance and Stormwater Credit in the FY2021 Budget process. Stormwater has been a topic of interest with the City Council since 1998.

Mayor-Pro-Tempore Gaddis called for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10: Authorization to develop a stormwater management system.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Hardman.

- o Council Member Ariemma sees the Stormwater Management Program as an essential tool for equitable disbursement of Stormwater costs.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis stated that Resolution 2020-10 stormwater management steps in the right direction to allow the City to utilize the General Fund better with the possibility of Stormwater fees.

OLD BUSINESS – Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer

2. Columbarium
 - o Eickhoff Columbarium has been selected as the vendor for the procurement of an Ossuaries and Columbarium in Memorial Cemetery with room for 180 Ossuary sites and 80 niches. The expected cost is \$47,000. This presentation is informational only as this item does not require Council approval.
3. Wimpy Mill Pedestrian Bridge and Kayak Launch Project Update
 - o The Georgia Department of Natural Resources recently amended the RTP Grant to extend the completion deadline to October 15, 2021. The completion date is July 2, 2021, and the grant award remains at \$134,501.72.
 - o The Staff has collected quotes for each of the required components of this project and expects to award selection to vendors soon. The five critical components of this project indicate an initial cost of below \$500,000.
4. Update on Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalks Project
 - o The City, Preliminary Engineering Review Committee, has determined Wood Engineering as the preliminary Engineering service, per GDOT guidelines. We are expecting favorable negotiation and approval from GDOT; expect a recommendation for the award soon.
 - o This project is funded through GDOT. Funding for the Preliminary Engineering Service has been set, but negotiations for construction cost will follow later. This is a high price project.
 - o Preliminary drawings will be made available on the City website as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Financial Reports - April 2020, Melody Marlowe, Director
 - o The Financial report shows better than anticipated numbers previously expected with the amended COVID 19 Budget.

6. Budget Transfer of Funds, Bill Schmid, City Manager
- o Request to amend the COVID-19 budget requires Council Approval. Mark Buchanan is requesting a \$15,000 transfer from the parking lot project at City Hall to the paving work project at City Park.
 - o With the original vendors pulling out of the City Park paving project, the next step only required other quotes in line with the initial bids.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis called for a motion to approve the Budget Transfer of Funds of \$15,000 from the paving project at City Hall to the paving project at the City Park.

*Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor.
Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma.*

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments – No comments

City Manager Comments

- o Commend the Staff and Council for the tremendous work done during this COVID 19 crisis, and I am pleased with where we are as a community.

City Attorney Comments – No comments

City Council Comments

- o Council Member Ariemma requested information on City Contracts
- o Council Member Ridley discussed outside wine tasting.
- o Council Member Larson requested further discussion on recycling in the City in conjunction with the County.
- o Council Member Taylor commended Staff for keeping the City working so well under these challenging times under COVID-19.

Mayor Comments

- o The Council has taken a big step to secure Dahlonaga's future with the passing of the Stormwater Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gaddis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

*Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Larson.
Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma.*

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Mary Csukas, City Clerk