



# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022, 4:30 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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### PRESENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor  
Councilmember Roman Gaddis  
Councilmember Ron Larson  
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma  
Councilmember Ryan Reagin  
Councilmember Ross Shirley  
Councilmember Lance Bagley

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the Special Called Meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for the approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Street Water & Sewer Design Firm Selection, Mark Buchanan, City Engineer

Mayor Taylor reminded Council that Park Street is a significant street in Dahlonega with very antiquated infrastructure that needed revamped. She invited City Engineer Buchanan to take Council through the Design Firm Selection process.

Director Buchanan directed Council to the map on page 33 in their package as a reference during the discussion. He announced this item addressed the water and sewer for North and South Park Streets that will close two loops for the water system; it will replace the 90-year-old pipes. Director Buchanan stated that Council previously approved \$60,000 for this project, and the lowest bidder was Wiedeman and Singleton at \$170,000, a firm familiar with Dahlonega's system.

Director Buchanan discussed Council's concerns with the cost above the anticipated budget and stated stormwater would be addressed simultaneously.

Mayor Taylor asked for clarification on looping the system. Director Buchanan explained that looping the system helps to create pressure which is essential for fire hydrant pressure and flow. There was an extensive conversation between the Council, Director Buchanan,

and City Manager Schmid regarding the cost difference between the budgeted amount and the bid amount. This discussion included aspects of incorporating internet conduits and power lines in this work.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion regarding the Water & Sewer Design Firm Selection  
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,  
Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn at 4:48 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,  
Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley