



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021, 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Norton

Councilmember Ron Larson

Councilmember Roman Gaddis

Councilmember Johnny Ariemma

Councilmember Joel Cordle

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton called the Special Called meeting to order at 4:06 PM and suspended the meeting at 4:07 PM. Mayor Norton reconvened the meeting at 7:20 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton called for an amendment to the Agenda to remove the swearing-in ceremony with Mr. Spivey, add a name change from Marshal Department to Police Department, Oliver Drive Storm Water, Three Water Filters, and Jarrad Water Services Contract Renewal.

Councilmember Larson moved to accept the revised Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Cordle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing-in Ceremony - Planning Commission James Spivey - removed from revised Agenda
2. Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License Class D, E & F Consumption on Premise, Class B & C Retail and Class B & C Farm Winery (Updated), Mary Csukas, City Clerk
3. Reen's Bratzeit & Biergarten 2021 Partial - Year Alcoholic Beverage License Application Mary Csukas, City Clerk
4. Almater, LLC dba GrapeVine's Casual Italian 2022 Alcoholic Beverage License Application, Mary Csukas, City Clerk

City Clerk Mary Csukas presented the renewal applications per the provided packet and new businesses as presented.

Councilmember Gaddis made a motion to approve the consent items, and 2, 3, 4
Seconded by Councilmember Larson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis,
Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

5. Marshal's Department Name Change, George Albert, Chief of Police

Mayor Norton introduced the item as a name change from Marshal's Department to Police Department.

Council and City Attorney discussed the changes necessary to move forward with the name change.

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

6. Approval to replace all three filter racks this fiscal year at the Water Plant, John Jarrard, Director of Water and Wastewater Treatment

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

7. Oliver Drive Storm Water, Vince Hunsinger, Capital Project Manager

Councilmember Larson made a motion to recommend approval on the staff recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Cordle. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

8. Contract Renewal - Jarrard Water Services, Bill Schmid, City Manager

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

COMMENTS

City Clerk Mary Csukas reminded staff of the Employee Christmas party. Mayor Norton invited the newly elected officials to join the event.

City Manager Schmid thanked Council for their time and interest in a lengthy agenda and commended Department Heads for the Work Session package. Negotiation for a guaranteed maximum price continues for the Head House.

City Attorney Parks commented that Sam McDuffie mentioned HB 317; we will need to adjust our regulation to conform to that and will be seeing it shortly.

Councilmember Ariemma indicated he will miss Mayor Norton's humor and hopes that Mayor-Elect Taylor will be as funny as Mayor Norton and added he is looking forward to the coming year. Councilmember Gaddis offered congratulations to Councilmember Elect Reagin and Mayor-Elect Taylor and thanked the staff who stayed late through all the meetings.

Councilmember Larson echoed Councilmember Gaddis' comments. Thank you and welcome. Councilmember Cordle also thanked the new leadership, Council, and staff for their time with a lengthy Agenda. Councilmembers, DDA, and staff will be getting the leadership survey. Please fill it out as it is important for the planning process for Main Street/DDA.

Mayor Norton gave a shoutout to the Water guys who worked the water main break on Sunday on Park Street and thanked everyone for staying.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norton adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.