



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

November 02, 2020, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

<p>PRESENT Mayor Norton Council Member Mitchell Ridley Council Member Ron Larson Council Member JoAnne Taylor Council Member Roman Gaddis Council Member Johnny Ariemma Council Member Helen Hardman</p>	<p>PRESENT City Clerk Mary Csukas Director Melody Marlowe City Manager Bill Schmid</p>	<p>PRESENT City Attorney Doug Parks Tourism Director Sam McDuffie</p>
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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton called the Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

City Manager Schmid led the Prayer, and Council Member Gaddis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton called for a motion to amend the agenda, a Resolution to recognize Florida Power and Light, and an Executive Session at the end of today's Meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Larson to amend the agenda as stated, seconded by Council Member Taylor. Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ariemma, Council Member Gaddis.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

In his vineyard, Taylor Barnes, Accent Cellar owner, is requesting the ability to allow beer and wine sales. We propose an amendment to the current alcoholic beverage ordinance to allow Class K Manufacturing the right to sell beer.

The State of Georgia is proposing changes to local alcoholic beverage licensing that will be discussed in the coming months. These changes may directly affect the proposed Class K Manufacturing License.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2020

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes on October 5, 2020, with a correction to the Council Member name under the new business section.

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

b. Council Work Session Minutes - October 19, 2020

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the City Council Work Session Minutes on October 19, 2020, with a spelling correction.

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

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

c. Special Called Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2020

As written, mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the City Council Special Called Minutes on October 19, 2020.

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

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

RECOGNITION

1. National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award

- The Impact Award honors NADO members for their creative approach to advancing economic development and improving quality of life.
- The City of Dahlonega received this National Award for the Cities Parks and Trail Study.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

2. Resolution 2020-16 recognizing Florida Power & Light for assisting the City of Dahlonega with the restoration of power during the aftermath of Hurricane Zeta.

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-16 recognizing the efforts of Florida Power & Light.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

3. 4th Quarter CY2020 Event Discussion, Mary Csukas, City Clerk

The Old Fashion Christmas committee informed Council that the Christmas events this year would follow COVID guidelines outlined by Governor Kemp and the CDC. These events are outlined on their website at <https://dahlonegachristmas.com>

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Water Distribution Skidsteer Purchase, Ron Simmons, Distribution/Collection Supervisor
Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota SVL95 and Kubota SC7072 from Mason Tractor with a final invoice amount of \$68,936.45.

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

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

Executive Session – Employment

Mayor Norton called for a motion to suspend the City Council Meeting at 6:54 p.m. go in an Executive Session

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

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

Mayor Norton reconvened the City Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

- At 7:48 p.m. Council Member Gaddis stated no action was taken at the Executive Session.

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments – No comments

City Manager Comments –

- Head House Project - Joseph Smith architect
- GMRC Conservation Grant

City Attorney Comments – No comments

City Council Comments

- Staff praised for handling Hurricane Zeta
- County Library – review possible sidewalk

Mayor Comments – Congratulated the City Staff for efforts during and after Hurricane Zeta.

Mayor Norton adjourned the Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Mary Csukas, City Clerk