



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023, 12:30 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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Vision - To be an open, honest, and responsive city, balancing preservation, and growth, and delivering quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of Dahlonega's resources.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to amend the agenda to include item #2, Ratification of the emergency called meetings motion from Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

1. Executive Meeting - Litigation

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to enter Executive Session

Motion made by Councilmember Reagin, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

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

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

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

2. Ratification of the emergency called meetings motion from Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mayor Taylor stated as mentioned yesterday I wish to advise that the City has been working on settlement of certain issues with Lumpkin County recently and was quite hopeful that litigation could be avoided: however, that is not the case and in order to meet time limits and deadlines we have been advised that we must move swiftly. Notice was provided to the Nugget yesterday of this meeting. I would also at this time present our plan to end all litigating through a proposed fire services intergovernmental agreement.

Councilmember Larson makes a motion to: (1) authorize the filing of litigation against Lumpkin County & the Commissioners for rents, profits, equity, receivership, mandamus to compel transfer of the City's interest to the City and related claims concerning the fire station property based upon the ante litem notice on March 27th which is ratified by this action; and (2) ratify the action taken on March 28th by the council regarding the same subject matter and seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember
Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Called for a motion to adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma,
Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley