



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Work Session Minutes

December 19, 2022, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Council Chambers, Dahlongega 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 Dahlongega's resources.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor informed Council that the item for Ryan Quigley was duplicated on the agenda, so item eight will be removed. Resolution 2022-17 FY2022 Year-end Budget Amendment will be removed as no budget amendment is required. This Resolution will also be removed from the upcoming special called meeting that follows this work session.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve.

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

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

1. Cemetery Committee—November 2022, Chris Worick, Committee Chairman
2. Downtown Dahlongega – November 2022, Ariel Alexander, Downtown Manager

Councilmember Bagley appreciated Downtown Manager Ariel Alexander and Dahlongega Christmas Organization for all their hard work this holiday season and thought the food trucks complemented downtown holiday festivities.

TOURISM: Sam McDuffie, Tourism Director

Tourism Director McDuffie presented multiple reports to city council members, including current projects, future projects, and percentages in growth on various social media sites.

Councilmember Ariemma and Director McDuffie discussed potential projects to be looked into in the future.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

3. City of Dahlonega Police Department – November 2022, George Albert, Chief of Police
4. Community Development – November 2022, Jameson Kinley, Planning and Zoning Administrator

5. Finance and Administration Department – November 2022, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Councilmember Ariemma and Director Martin discussed the bathroom floor colors in the newly renovated Visitor Center bathrooms. Director Martin will discuss the issue with the contractor.

6. Public Works—November 2022, Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer
7. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report November 2022, John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

8. Ryan Quigley Plaque Request, Mark Buchanan, PE, City Engineer & Public Works Director – this item was removed.

9. Ryan Quigley Plaque Request

Mark Buchanan, PE, City Engineer & Public Works Director, and Brian Quigley, Resident Brian Quigley spoke about his son Ryan Quigley and his contributions to the City of Dahlonega. He retold his son's love of Dahlonega and requested that this plaque be placed in Hancock Park to honor his memory.

Mayor Taylor gave sincere condolences for Brian's loss and would like this item to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

10. Grant Writing Services Agreement, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Director Martin discussed a paragraph revision needed in the Grant Writing Services Agreement. She and City Attorney Parks are working on the modification for the next Council Meeting in January 2023.

11. Resolution 2022-17 - FY2022 Year-end Budget Amendment, Allison Martin, Finance Director – This item was removed from the agenda.

12. Contract Renewal - Jarrard Water Services, Allison Martin, Finance Director

John Jarrard gave a history of the evolution of his company, Jarrard Water Services, and its history with the City of Dahlonega. The contract agreement between the City and his company allows John Jarrard to contribute to the City while caring for family members with health issues and be beneficial to the City's budget.

The Council and Mayor discussed the savings of a certified contractor instead of a full-time employee. John Jarrard stated that he is not technically a city employee that that this is a contract for professional services through his company.

Councilmember Larson states the values of the many years of experience that John Jarrard learned while working for the City and appreciates and recognizes the things he has done over the years for the City.

13. Peachtree Recovery Services Renewal, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Director Martin and City Attorney Parks informed the Council and Mayor of some concerns with the Peachtree Recovery Services contract. The new contract has been under

discussion, and there is one paragraph left, which is taking a little longer to revise. They will continue the revision and bring a final draft to the Council at a future date.

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

No comments were made.

Clerk Comments

No comments were made.

City Manager Comments

No comments were made.

City Attorney Comments

No comments were made.

City Council Comments

No comments were made.

Mayor Comments

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

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