



# CITY OF DAHLONEGA

## Council Work Session - Amended Minutes

November 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Council Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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### OPEN MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

### BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

1. Cemetery Committee—October 2022

Chris Worick, Committee Chairman

Councilmember Ariemma suggested more monuments in the city cemeteries.

Public Works Director Buchanan made a discussion point that adding more monuments at Memorial Park would be less challenging.

2. Downtown Dahlonega End of Year Work Plan Update

Ariel Alexander, Downtown Manager

Skyler presented the end-of-year work plan to city council members.

### TOURISM: Sam McDuffie, Tourism Director

Mayor Taylor asked Tourism Director McDuffie for an update on the Visitor Center Restroom renovation.

Director McDuffie stated that the restrooms should be open on November 25, 2022.

A conversation was held about future projects happening in Dahlonega in 2023.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

3. City of Dahlonega Police Department – October 2022

George Albert, Chief of Police

4. Community Development – October 2022

Jameson Kinley, Planning and Zoning Administrator

5. Finance and Administration Department – October 2022

Allison Martin, Finance Director

6. Public Works—October 2022

Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer

7. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report October 2022  
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

8. Historic Preservation Study 2021  
Jameson Kinley, Planning and Zoning Administrator  
Mayor Taylor announced the item.  
Director Kinley spoke heavily on the Historic Preservation Survey. He stated that this survey has been completed and will provide documentation to the council. Also, he provided facts to the council, saying that this survey is required and needs to be completed every ten years for historic districts. He then presented to Council that the HPC was approved for the Historic Preservation Fund Federal Pass-Through Grant.  
Councilmembers discussed buildings in Dahlonega's Historic District.  
Ellen Mirakovits provided information to City Councilmembers about the Historic District.
9. 2023 Agreement for Tourism Development Services  
Allison Martin, Finance Director  
Mayor Taylor announced the item.  
Finance Director, Martin, announced that there was a discussion between tourism Director McDuffie and Lumpkin County. She informed city council members that the county would enter into an agreement for one more year, or a partial year, with the Lumpkin County Chamber until an updated contract is completed.
10. Resolution 2022-17 - FY2022 Year-end Budget Amendment  
Allison Martin, Finance Director  
Director Martin requested that this item be moved to the council meeting on December 5, 2022, for a vote.
11. Recycling Discussion  
Mark Buchanan, Director of Public Works  
Mayor Taylor announced the item.  
A discussion was had about recycling in the city. Director Buchanan presented multiple options that could be further researched to City Councilmembers.  
Councilmember Ariemma and Councilmember Bagley had a brief discussion about the options presented by Director Buchanan. Both members agreed that the city should start small and reach out to the University of North Georgia about community service programs. Other council members acknowledged Councilmember Ariemma's and Councilmember Bagley's discussion points and agreed that this topic should be further researched with the University of North Georgia.
12. City Council Retreat - Dates and Content  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor  
Mayor Taylor announced the item.  
Mayor Taylor requested the City Clerk to look for hotels for the weekend of January 6-7, 2023.
13. Executive Session - Land Acquisition

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments

City Clerk Csukas reminded the council of the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

City Manager Comments - No other comments.

City Attorney Comments - No other comments

City Council Comments - No other comments.

Mayor Comments - Mayor Taylor thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.