



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Public Hearing Minutes

August 21, 2023, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing.

Mayor Taylor turned the public hearing over to City Attorney Parks.

Public Hearing:

1. Zoning Map Amendment - (Parcel No. D11-033)

Allison Martin, City Manager

City Attorney Parks states this is a request to amend the zoning map of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, by changing the zoning on a parcel of land owned by Chelsea Mikell and Scott L. Mikell (REZN-23-4) – the request is to change the proposed use of a +/- 0.261-acre property located at 115 N Meaders Street (D11-033) (Hawkins Street LL951LD12-1) from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multiple Family Residential District). The purpose of this request is to allow this property to function as a short-term rental.

Mr. Joey Homans, the Mikell family's attorney, gave the Council an overview of the request to make this parcel a short-term rental while keeping the property the family's second home. The City has a short-term rental ordinance, and section 801C of the code states that they can't do the short-term rental in the R-1, and their intentions are an R2 with the provisions to keep only the short-term rental aspects of the code. The Mikell family understands the requirements of short-term rentals. The staff report states the request to rezone the property would create a new lot that does not meet the minimum lot size of the R-2 District. He says they are willing to work with the City and hopes the City of Dahlonega will work with them.

Mr. Mikell thanked everyone for allowing the Council to hear their request for the short-term rental rezoning. His family believes in short-term rentals, and he gives his opinion on how this could bring more people to Dahlonega. They look forward to working with the City to make this property part of the short-term rental market.

Mr Parks opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak for or against this request.

Mr. Tom Gordineer stated he approved of this zoning change.

Mr. Parks opened the discussion with the Council and the applicant.

Councilmember Larson asked if they proposed moving to R-3 to the planning commission.

Councilmember Bagley asked if they amended it to R-3 if it would be sent back to the planning commission.

Councilmember Ariemma asked if they knew when they purchased the property that it was R-1 and if the ordinance was read before the purchase.

Councilmember Gaddis asked if they must return to the council with an amended application.

Mr. Parks asked if the applicant wanted to amend the application to an R3 zoning.

Mayor Taylor commented on amending the application. She also explains the rezoning process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 4:22.