



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

September 07, 2021 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Norton

Councilmember Roman Gaddis

Councilmember Ron Larson

Councilmember Johnny Ariemma

Councilmember Joel Cordle

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Councilmember Gaddis led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilmember Larson led the Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton called for Agenda approval with no changes.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Mayor Norton called for approval of the Minutes as presented

- a. Council Meeting Minutes August 2, 2021
- b. Public Hearing- Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Minutes- August 2, 2021
- c. Council Special Called Meeting Minutes- August 16, 2021
- d. Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes- August 16, 2021
- e. Council Work Session Minutes- August 16, 2021

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve items a, b, c, d, and e. Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

APPOINTMENT/RECOGNITION

1. Appointment of Donna Logan to DDA/Main Street Board, Mayor Norton

Mayor Norton commented on the opportunities to serve the community of your own free will and asked for a motion to re-appoint Ms. Logan to a 2nd term on the Main Street /DDA.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

Mayor Norton completed the swearing in ceremony and photos were taken with Council.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

1. FY2021 Third Quarter Budget Amendment, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Council discussed the budget with Director Martin. Mayor Norton reminded those present the budget is a dynamic document hence the reason for adjustments every quarter.

Mayor Norton called for a Motion to approve the Third Quarter Budget Amendment as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Cordle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

2. Resolution 2021-14 Requesting Sales Tax Information from The Georgia Department of Revenue, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Director Martin stated the name on the resolution was previously passed by Council and with Ms. Marlowe's retirement we need to update.

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

ANNOUNCEMENT/CITY REPORTS:

3. Financial Report - July 2021, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Director Martin presented the Financial report for the month and Council agreed the city is in excellent financial condition.

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. UCBI Banking Service Contract Renewal, Allison Martin, Finance Director

Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve.

Motion made by Councilmember Cordle, Seconded by Councilmember Larson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk Comments - nothing at this time

The City Manager stated the Main Street / DDA Board approved motion to handle cash transactions

The City Attorney will be issuing 2 notices to the Nugget next week in regard to General Election: A notice of special election for distilled spirits package stores and possibly publishing a sample ballot.

Mayor, and City Council Comments

Mayor Norton and the Council had a lengthy discussion regarding Halloween and Trick or Treating on the Square and agreed public safety was most important. They agreed some merchants will pass out candy.

The City Attorney and Council discussed the current COVID situation and meeting options and encouraging citizens to get their vaccinations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Cordle