



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Agenda

September 16, 2024, 4:00 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlongega City Hall

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Vision – Dahlongega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlongega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Georgia Reads Proclamation
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
2. Resolution 2024-05 Support for GOSP Grant Application
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Communication
3. 2025 LMIG - Extension of Quantities for Paving Sky Country
Allison Martin, City Manager

ADJOURNMENT

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlongega will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlongega commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ...for ALL!

**CITY OF DAHLONEGA
GEORGIA READS DAY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Literacy is not just an education issue but an economic, workforce, and quality of life issue. It is also a predictor of future educational achievement, economic status, and lifelong health and well-being.

WHEREAS: In 2023, 61% of Georgia rising fourth graders did not read proficiently, and research shows that children who are proficient readers by the end of third grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school than their peers who are not reading on grade level.

WHEREAS: The General Assembly recognized the importance of literacy skills with the passage of two bills in 2023: SB 211, that created the Georgia Council on Literacy, and HB 538, that requires comprehensive education reforms for reading instruction in the science of reading.

WHEREAS: Understanding that collaborative efforts and strategic partnerships must be undertaken to effectively address literacy issues, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and its nonprofit organization, Georgia City Solutions, members of the Georgia General Assembly, and football champion now turned children's author, Malcolm Mitchell, partnered with the Georgia Council on Literacy to launch "Georgia Reads" at the 2024 GMA Annual Convention.

WHEREAS: Community involvement is essential to literacy improvements and "Georgia Reads" will include recognizing 10 community partnerships that have increased literacy in the past three to five years as Georgia Reads Communities.

WHEREAS: September 30, 2024, marks a date when all Georgians are encouraged to create awareness about the importance of reading and encourage community partnerships to promote future literacy improvements.

WHEREAS: Together we can improve Georgia's economic vitality one book at a time.

THEREFORE: I, JoAnne Taylor, and the City Council of Dahlonega, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2024 as **City of Dahlonega READS DAY** and encourage all residents, businesses, and community partners to help promote and elevate literacy as a community priority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ___ day of _____, 2024.

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 9/11/2024
TITLE: Resolution 2024-05 Support for GOSP Grant Application
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
PRIORITY: Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Resolution 2024-05 Support for GOSP Grant Application

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The city's grant writing firm has identified a grant opportunity to fund the balance of the planned improvements at the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area. The proposed improvements are a restroom facility, pavilion, nature trail, upgrades to the ADA kayak launch area, dredging, trail, and sidewalk. The grant program, the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program, requires a resolution from the governing body stating support for the project. We are awaiting a final version of the resolution but due to the quick turn around for the application, this item was placed on the special called meeting agenda and this memo provided for reference.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The city has adequate funds to cover any needed grant match.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to approve the resolution so the application may be submitted.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution will be added when final draft received.

RESOLUTION 2024-005
THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CITY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING FROM THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA OUTDOOR
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A 4 MILE PORTION OF THE
XXXXXX TRAIL.

WHEREAS, this grant if awarded will fund the construction of a 4 mile section of the **XXXX** Trail that extends from the current **SHOW LOCATION AND HOW IT FINISHES THE LOOP**

WHEREAS, the **XXXX** Trail link parks, schools, recreational sites, historical and cultural sites, waterways, and natural habitats of the area for bicyclists, joggers, canoeists, kayakers, and other non-motorized users; and,

WHEREAS, the **XXXX** Trail will aid underserved communities by providing walkability to a grocery store and other amenities and provide much needed amenities for those with low mobility in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The **XXXXX** Trail is being built by public-private partnerships of local jurisdictions, **bike clubs**, non-profit organizations and citizens who are cooperating to build the trails; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA that during the Regular Meeting of the Dahlonega City Council, held on the 16th day of September 2024, a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of Dahlonega shall support an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for constructing about 4 miles of the **XXXXX** Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA that in the event the City of Dahlonega's application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the City of Dahlonega certifies that a portion of the trail is located on City right of way, and the City commits to provide **\$XXXXX (we have to be more vague as we don't have these numbers yet)** in the use of in-kind city equipment, in-kind labor, and financial resources for construction of trail described in the City of Dahlonega's grant application. In addition, **XXXXXX County PSA will contribute \$XX in cash and \$XX in in-kind services**, the City of Dahlonega will provide in-kind materials at a value of **\$XXX, \$XXX in private investment from Jacoby Development**, and **local organizations are providing \$24,421 in in-kind services and cash**.

Adopted in Lawful Assembly this 16th day of September 2024, and spread upon the official minutes of the City of Dahlonega.

RESOLUTION 2024-005
THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CITY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING FROM THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA OUTDOOR
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A 0.4 MILE PORTION OF THE
WIMPY MILL TRAIL.

WHEREAS, this grant if awarded, will fund the construction of a 0.4 mile section of the Wimpy Mill Trail that currently exists from the historic downtown are to the WMPA & Kayak launch. A pavilion, restrooms, waterfront boardwalk and other amenities are included in the project.

WHEREAS the Wimpy Mill Trail links parks, schools, recreational sites, historical and cultural sites, waterways, and natural habitats of the area for bicyclists, joggers, canoeists, kayakers, and other non-motorized users; and,

WHEREAS, the Wimpy Mill Trail, once completed through the construction of this past and future sections, will aid underserved communities by providing walkability to for those with low mobility in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The section of the Wimpy Mill Trail and adjoining amenities will be built by public-private partnerships of local jurisdictions, non-profit organizations and citizens who will be invited to help build the trail with us; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA that during the Regular Meeting of the Dahlonega City Council, held on the 16th day of September 2024, a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of Dahlonega shall support an application for funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for construction of 0.4 miles of the Wimpy Mill Trail and amenities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA that in the event the City of Dahlonega's application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, the City of Dahlonega certifies that a portion of the trail is located on City right of way, and the City commits to provide their portion of the 25% Grant Match in the use of in-kind city equipment, in-kind labor, and financial resources for construction of trail described in the City of Dahlonega's grant application. In addition, Lumpkin County will be asked to contribute cash and in-kind services, the City of Dahlonega will provide in-kind materials, private investors will be included, and local organizations will be included providing in-kind services and cash.

Adopted in Lawful Assembly this 16th day of September 2024 and spread upon the official minutes of the City of Dahlonega.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____ JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest: _____ Sarah Waters, Asst. City Clerk.



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 9/11/2024
TITLE: 2025 LMIG
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
PRIORITY: Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

2025 LMIG Project

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The city historically receives an annual LMIG allocation from the state each summer and defers paving projects until the following fiscal year. This year, due to the timing of the paving contractor, they are currently working in Sky County to finish our FY24 LMIG paving program. The contractor has offered to extend the contract prices if the FY25 LMIG project can be completed while mobilized. Staff would like the council to accept this offer. Allowing us to proceed with the FY25 paving project while the contractor is mobilized in the area means less disruption to residents in the area, savings to the taxpayers as we won't have to rebid in 2025. (saves staff time, advertising dollars, and potential price increases.) There are adequate funds in our paving program to supplement the state funding. If the council accepts, the motion will need to include a provision for the Mayor to sign the extension of the contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no adverse impact to the budget as we planned to pave in that area in 2025 and had the funds allocated.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to accept the offer of the contract extension to complete the FY25 LMIG project.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS
