



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Meeting Revised Agenda

March 03, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. RFQ 2025 - 003 Annual Asphalt/Leveling
Vince Hunsinger, Projects Manager
2. Equipment Purchase Kubota M4D-071 Utility Cab
Troy Armstrong, Streets/Cemetery/Parks Supervisor
3. Change to Open Container Footprint for the Bear on the Square Mountain Festival
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO FOUR MINUTES PER SPEAKER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting of February 3, 2025
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- b. Work Session of February 17, 2025
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk
- c. Special Called Meeting of February 17, 2025
Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk

APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Appointment of Ethan Norton to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
2. Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Secretary
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

3. Oath of Office - Janet Barger, Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
4. Oath of Office - Robert Conaway, Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
5. Oath of Office - James Spivey, Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY REPORTS

- [6.](#) Financial Report - January 2025
Allison Martin, City Manager

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

OTHER ITEMS

- [7.](#) Reservoir Management Plan Update 2025
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure
- [8.](#) Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalk Construction Engineering and
Inspection Vendor Selection
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
- [9.](#) Cyber Security Plan Update
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Clerk Comments

City Manager Comments

City Attorney Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

ADJOURNMENT

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Agreements and Contracts

DATE: 3/3/2025
TITLE: RFQ 2025 – 003 Annual Asphalt/Leveling
PRESENTED BY: Vince Hunsinger
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

The City of Dahlonega is requesting quotes for asphalt patching, leveling, repairing, and small-scale full-depth roadway construction on various city streets for the budget year ending September 30, 2025, to include an annual renewal option for a total contract up to two fiscal years.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

For many years, the City has contracted with an asphalt contractor to do all our utility patching. In the past we have paid utility patching pricing for all our extra asphalt needs. Utility patching is very labor intensive, and costs more per ton. This year we created categories to get better pricing per ton. We need to establish a current contract so that we can have a fixed rate for this budget year. Additionally, we will have a relationship with a contractor who will anticipate our business and will have the shortest lead times to meet our needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT


The 2025 budget for patching and leveling is \$150,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Colditz Trucking as the vendor for this contract

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

ATTACHMENTS

		
RFQ-2025-003-Annual-Asphalt-Patching.pdf	Asphalt patching.pdf	Colditz Trucking Patching Bid.pdf

**PRICE PROPOSAL
ANNUAL ASPHALT PATCHING AND
LEVELING ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS
RFQ #2025-003**

TASK #1

LINE #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (\$)	Total Price (\$)
0005	150-1000 Traffic Control (Each Work Location)	10	EA	\$4,000.00	\$40,000.00
0010	402-3101 RECYCLED ASPH CONC 9.5 MM SUPERPAVE, TYPE I, BLEND 1, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	600	TN	\$117.00	\$70,200.00
0015	402-3130 RECYCLED ASPH CONC 12.5 MM SUPERPAVE, GP 2 ONLY, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	600	TN	\$113.00	\$67,800.00
0020	Tack Coat	500	GAL	\$8.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL BID				\$182,000.00	

TASK #1:

This task consists of overlay in accordance with current GDOT specifications of 1.5 inches, 2.0 inches or 2.5 inches of recycled asphaltic concrete, Superpave 9.5mm or 12.5mm as determined by city staff. This shall include any and all required preparation including sweeping or cleaning, clipping shoulders when directed by city staff, etc. Quantities will generally range from a minimum of 10 tons to a maximum of 60 tons per location.



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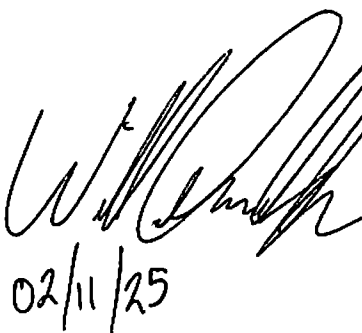
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TASK #2

LINE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (\$)	Total Price (\$)
0005	402-3130 RECYCLED ASPH CONC 12.5 MM SUPERPAVE, GP 2 ONLY, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	20	TN	\$300.00	\$6,000.00
TOTAL BID				\$6,000.00	

TASK #2:

This task shall consist of utility patching that the City staff has prepared. These areas will vary in size and shape and will have GAB flush with the top of existing asphalt previously installed by city crews. The contractor shall remove existing GAB to a depth of 4 inches, compact the remaining GAB, and place 4 inches of compacted 12.5 MM Superpave asphalt in accordance with GDOT standards. The per ton price of asphalt shall include traffic control, tack and excavation.


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TASK #3

LINE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (\$)	Total Price (\$)
0005	150-1000 Traffic Control (each location)	10	EA	\$4,000.00	\$40,000.00
0010	Graded Aggregate Base Course Incl Matl	600	TN	\$66.00	\$39,600.00
0015	402-3130 RECYCLED ASPH CONC 12.5 MM SUPERPAVE, GP 2 ONLY, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	400	TN	\$160.00	\$64,000.00
0020	TACK COAT	200	GAL	\$10.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL BID					\$145,600.00

TASK #3:

This task shall consist of full depth road construction that usually varies from 100 Square feet to 3000 Square feet. The areas determined by city staff shall be excavated to a depth around 10 inches or appropriate to match existing street and material removal. The contractor shall compact subgrade, add 6 inches of compacted GAB and 4 inches of 12.5 MM Superpave asphalt to the area. Any excavation needed shall be included in the price of per ton of asphalt.

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TASK #4

LINE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (DOLLARS/CENTS)	Total Price (\$)
0005	150-1000 Traffic Control (each location)	10	EA	\$4,000.00	\$40,000.00
0010	402-3130 RECYCLED ASPH CONC 12.5MM SUPERPAVE, GP 2 ONLY, INCL BITUM MATL AND H LIME	300	TN	\$150.00	\$45,000.00
413-0750	Tack Coat	100	GAL	\$10.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL BID				\$86,000.00	

TASK #4:

Random placement of 12.5 mm Superpave at locations described by the city that range from 100 square feet to 3000 square feet. No GAB required. Asphalt per ton shall include saw cuts along edge of road (if needed) and minimal excavation of roadway shoulders. All asphalt work shall be in accordance with the GDOT specifications.


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QUOTE TABULATION
February 11, 2025, 2:00PM

ANNUAL ASPHALT PATCHING AND
LEVELING ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS
RFQ#2025-003

CONTRACTOR NAME	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TASK 4	TOTAL PRICE
Colditz Trucking	\$182,000	\$6,000	\$145,600	\$86,000	\$419,600
Raines Grading	\$344,500	\$5,500	\$148,200	\$95,000	\$593,200
Vertical Earth	\$444,015.30	\$58,583.80	\$297,345.20	\$233,042.30	\$1,032,986.60
Ryals Brothers	\$524,788.	\$17,201.40	\$411,474	\$168,613	\$1,122,076.40

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Attendees: Brittany Lee

Vince Hunsinger

Melanie Jones

MARK BUCHANAN



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 2/17/2025
TITLE: Equipment Purchase Kubota M4D Utility Cab Tractor
PRESENTED BY: Troy Armstrong
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Staff seeks approval to purchase a Kubota M4D Utility Cab Tractor.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

This is a FY2025 Budgeted item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item has a budget of \$75,000. Sourcewell is quoting this Tractor purchase for \$57,564.42.

RECOMMENDATION

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

ATTACHMENTS





City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: February 10, 2025
TITLE: Change to Open Container Footprint for the Bear on the Square Mountain Festival
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney, Sarah Waters, Asst. City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in a specific area at the Bear on the Square Mountain Festival so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages in the proposed location.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

The festival permit was previously held in Hancock Park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends allowing the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to Bear on the Square Mountain Festival, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bear on the Square Special Event Map and Permit Application



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Council Work Session Minutes

February 17, 2025, 4:00 PM

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OPEN MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 4:01 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley; Councilman Bagley was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion by Councilman Shirley and a second by Councilman Reagin to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Tourism Report - Q4 2024
Sam McDuffie, Executive Director

Sam McDuffie, Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Visitors Bureau Executive Director, addressed and provided a presentation to the Council.

There were questions from Mayor Taylor and members of the Council regarding whether there is a need for additional hotels, plans for future filming in the City, and future marketing strategies. Mr. McDuffie responded that, while years away, a convention center seems to be the better option versus hotels; possibly two productions will occur in 2025 with one being at the old Chestatee Regional facility; and, Instagram is currently the biggest social media platform for the Bureau.

No Council action was taken.

Mayor Taylor acknowledged and thanked County Commissioner Dr. Bobby Mayfield for his attendance at the Work Session.

2. Cemetery Committee - January 2025
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer, addressed the Council; an image of the broken Lawrence Monument was displayed.

No Council action was taken.

3. Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Program - January 2025
Ariel Alexander, DDA Director

Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Authority Director, addressed the Council.

There were questions and comments from Mayor Taylor and the Council regarding the ratio of restaurants to retail establishments, visiting another municipality to observe its retail establishments, and a Tax Allocation District (TAD). Ms. Alexander responded that the ratio comparisons were a topic of the Downtown Development Authority's Planning Session and the consensus was to market to retail establishments to extend business hours; the Downtown Development Authority visited the City of Lavonia to observe its retail establishments; and, provided a brief overview of a TAD.

No Council action was taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT: <https://dahlonega.gov/category/departments-reports/>

Mayor Taylor opened the floor to the Council for discussion regarding the Department Reports listed as Items 4., 5., 6., 7., and 8. under *Department Reports*.

Regarding Item 4. *Community Development Report*, the Council discussed whether anyone knew the reasoning for the absence of outdoor seating that was once located outside at Spirits Tavern. It was stated that since Allison Martin, City Manager, was out of the office that this question would be emailed to her.

Regarding Item 7. *Public Works*, the Council discussed traffic between Auraria Road and the Bypass; it was asked if the installation of a temporary traffic signal would be beneficial. Mark Buchanan, City Engineer, addressed the Council and stated that he has not seen temporary signals frequently used at intersections but that he would contact the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and ask if it was possible. Mayor Taylor requested that Mr. Buchanan take this as an action item during Manager Martin's absence.

4. Community Development Report - January 2025
Allison Martin, City Manager
5. Finance and Administration Department - January 2025
Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager
6. Police Department - January 2025
George Albert, Chief of Police
7. Public Works - January 2025
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
8. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report - January 2025
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

No Council action was taken.

APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION, AND RECOGNITION:

Mayor Taylor read aloud Items 9., 10., 11., 13., 14., and 15. under *Appointment, Proclamation, and Recognition*. Then, the Mayor read aloud Item 12. (*Appointment of Ethan Norton to the Planning Commission*).

The Mayor stated that a Special Called Meeting would occur immediately following the Work Session for ratification of all reappointments (Items 9., 10., 11., 13., 14., and 15.), and the vote for appointment would be deferred to the next Regular Meeting of the Council (Item 12.).

9. Reappointment of Janet Barger to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
10. Reappointment of Jim Bergen to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
11. Reappointment of Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
12. Appointment of Ethan Norton to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
13. Reappointment of Robert Conaway to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
14. Reappointment of Michael Feagin to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
15. Reappointment of James Spivey to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

No Council action was taken.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Doug Parks, City Attorney, addressed the Council and stated that a proposed Deannexation will soon be coming before the Council for consideration.

No Council action was taken.

AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS:

16. RFQ 2025-003 Annual Asphalt/Leveling
Vince Hunsinger, Projects Manager

Vince Hunsinger, Projects Manager, addressed the Council.

The Council asked if this Quote would address general potholes reported by the public. Mr. Hunsinger stated that the size of the pothole will determine whether the issue is addressed by staff (internally) or contractors (externally).

Without exception, the Council agreed to place this Item under the next Consent Agenda (March 3). No formal Council action was taken.

OTHER ITEMS:

17. Equipment Purchase Kubota M4D-071 Utility Cab
Troy Armstrong, Streets/Cemetery/Parks Supervisor

Troy Armstrong, Streets/Cemetery/Parks Supervisor, addressed the Council.

Without exception, the Council agreed to place this Item under the next Consent Agenda (March 3). No formal Council action was taken.

18. Reservoir Management Plan Update 2025
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

Mayor Taylor addressed the Council and stated that there are minor changes to the Reservoir Management Plan Update 2025 with one being the removal of a swim beach as a proposed possibility due to the increase of the cost to treat the water. The Mayor confirmed that with the proposed edits the Reservoir will still allow and serve as a location for certain events.

No Council action was taken.

19. Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalk Construction Engineering and Inspection Vendor Selection
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer, addressed the Council and stated that he did not have a final cost to present; however, he confirmed that he would be prepared to provide the cost during the next Regular Meeting (March 3).

No Council action was taken.

20. Cyber Security Plan Update
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

Mayor Taylor addressed the Council and a discussion was held. It was determined that, depending on the detail of this Item's presentation, this Item may be better suited for an Executive Session rather than presentation during an Open Meeting.

Without exception, the Council agreed to wait until Manager Martin returns to work prior to placing this Item on an Executive Session Agenda. No formal Council action was taken.

21. Change to Open Container Footprint for the Bear on the Square Mountain Festival

Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk

Doug Parks, City Attorney, addressed the Council and stated that this Item is a typical waiver for this type of event. Mr. Parks confirmed that the request is to suspend the Open Container Law during the event for the specific area and specified time as set forth on the Footprint found in the Agenda Packet.

No Council action was taken.

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments

Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk, had no comments.

City Manager Comments

Mayor Taylor requested that everyone keep Allison Martin, City Manager, and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

City Attorney Comments

Doug Parks, City Attorney, requested that the Council closely view the proposed Deannexation Package that will be forthcoming in the near future.

City Council Comments

Councilman Shirley announced that there was a great participation in the Wimpy Mile, and he thanked everyone on Councilman's Bagley behalf for supporting this event; he announced the fastest recorded time was four minutes and eight seconds.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Taylor had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Ariemma to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley), and the Work Session was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the Special Called Meeting to order at 4:47 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley; Councilman Bagley was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Reagin to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Brown to approve Items 1. through 3. under *New Business* en gros.

1. Reappointment of Janet Barger to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
2. Reappointment of Jim Bergen to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
3. Reappointment of Ivana Pelnar-Zaiko to the Historic Preservation Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

Mayor Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Bergen and Pelnar-Zaiko; Commissioner Barger was not present.

There was a motion by Councilman Gaddis and a second by Councilman Brown to approve Items 4. through 6. under *New Business* en gros.

4. Reappointment of Robert Conaway to the Planning Commission

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

5. Reappointment of Michael Feagin to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
6. Reappointment of James Spivey to the Planning Commission
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley).

Mayor Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Feagin; Commissioners Conaway and Spivey were not present.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Councilman Brown and a second by Councilman Reagin to adjourn the Special Called Meeting.

Motion carried with five members in favor (Ariemma, Brown, Gaddis, Reagin, and Shirley) and one member absent (Bagley), and the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

The City Council of Dahlonega believes citizen input and specialized skills are valuable assets to the community. All City Residents should consider becoming involved in their City by service on Board or Commission. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Please complete the following and submit it with a resume to rhansard@dahlonega.gov, by fax to 706-864-4837 or by mail to 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Thank you for your interest in serving.

Name:	Ethan Norton
Address:	189 Golden Autumn Dr
Phone:	
Email:	
Place of Employment:	
Occupation	
Length of Residence	10yrs+

Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered.

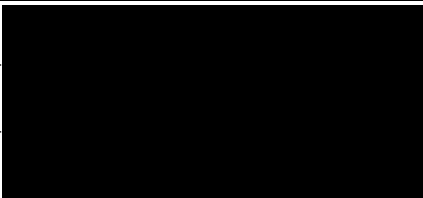
Please note, each of these have different requirements for service, which will be reviewed against your application, training, and work experience.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Street / Downtown Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism Committee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dahlonega Housing Authority Board | <input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer |

Interest & Experience

Why are you interested in serving?
Giving back to the community.
Assisting the council with decisions related to housing + zoning.
What specialized training or experience do you have that would of benefit one of the Boards or Commissions:
Construction Experience: 3+ yrs

Professional or Personal References:

Name	Telephone Number
James Spivey	
Sam Norton	
Bill Lewis	

If you are a general volunteer for events, festivals, etc. you may be asked to sign a waiver of liability.

If you are appointed to a City of Dahlonega Board or Commission, you may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City as a condition prior to your appointment. This filing identifies any financial interests you may have with the City of Dahlonega only and if any conflict of interest may exist.

Volunteering for service on a Board or Commission does not guarantee your eventual appointment. Applications on file will be reviewed when vacancies occur, from which the Mayor may review candidates, but the Mayor may, as well, recommend appointments of non-applicants he/she chooses that indicate desirable qualifications and willingness to serve.

Terms & Conditions

I hereby attest that all statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be interviewed prior to consideration for recommendation by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Council. I hereby agree that if appointed to serve as a member of a City of Dahlonega Board or Commission, I will spend my time, skills, and energy on the mission of the body to which I am appointed including preparation for and attendance at meetings to remain a member in good standing. Furthermore, I agree that, if appointed, my term will be governed by the By-Laws and/or Rules of Procedure of the entity to which I am appointed.

Applicant's Name: Ethan Norton

Applicant's Signature: **ETHAN NORTON**

Date: **1.30.25**

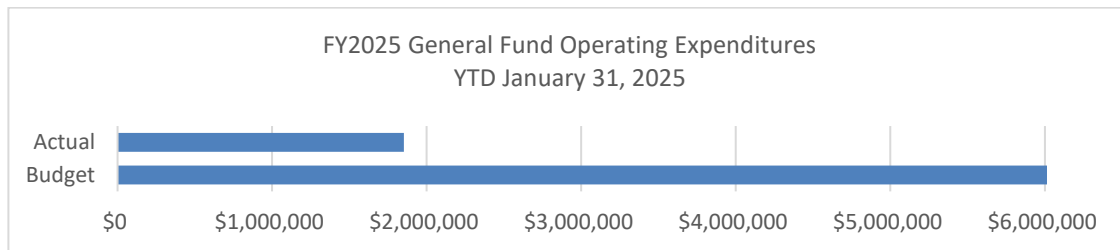
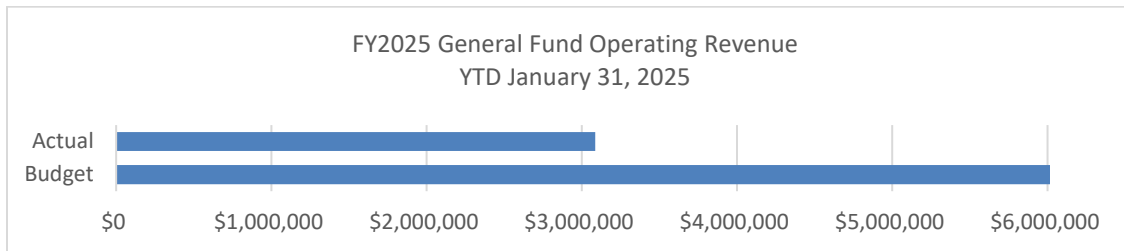


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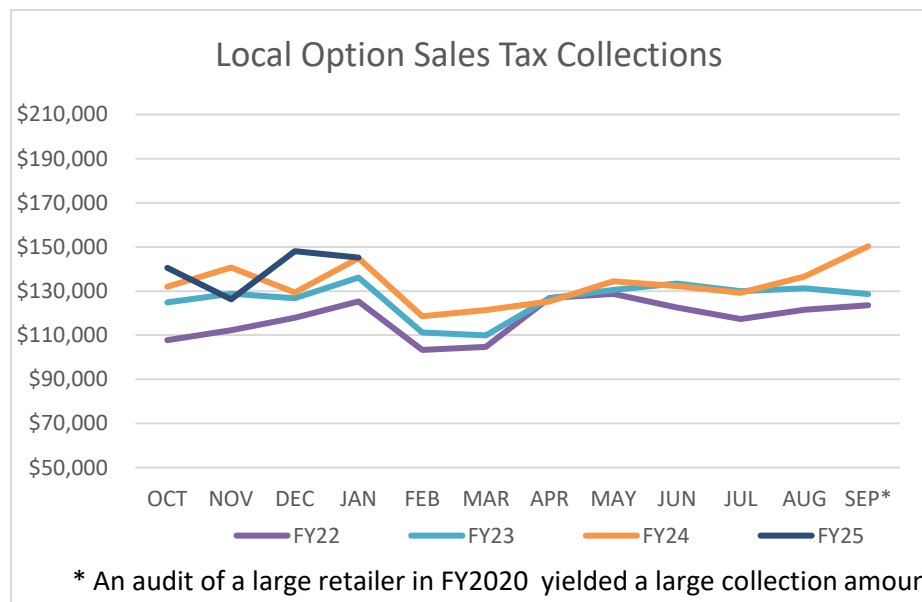
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND



- The annual property tax bills were levied and mailed by the Tax Commissioner on October 1st with a December 1st due date. To date, 90.17% of the 2024 real and personal property taxes budgeted have been collected.
- Sales tax collections reflect collections 2.40% greater than FY24. The change in the State law related to internet sales taxation has continued to have a positive impact our collections.



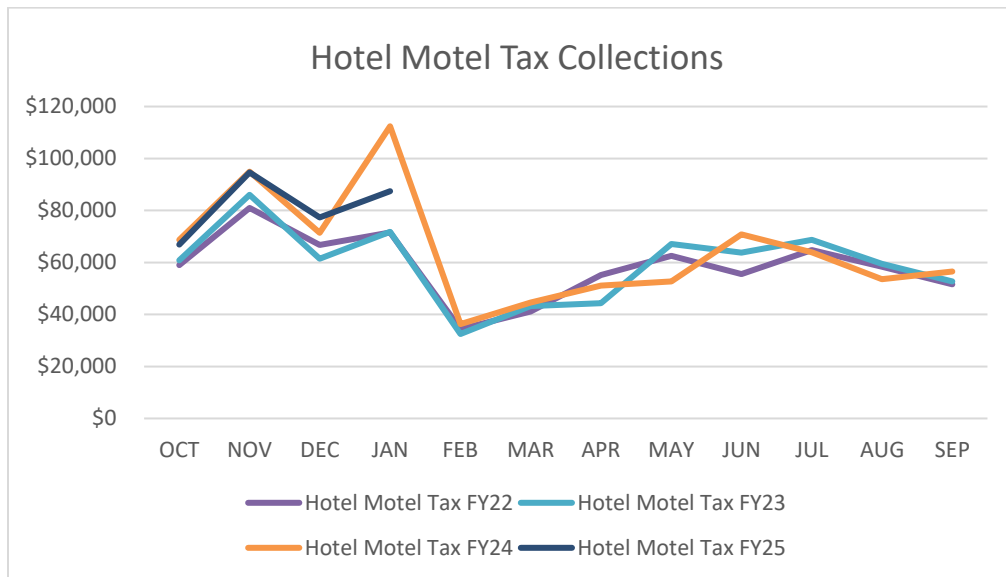
- The annual revenue for Insurance Premium Tax is \$718,039.22 this year, which is 7.62% greater than last fiscal year. This amount is based on a pro-rata population formula.
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax and License revenue collected year-to-date is consistent with the prior year.
- Permit revenue collected year-to-date is greater than last year's collections due to a change in the fee schedule.
- Departments expenditures are in line with budget expectations.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Operational results are on track with the budget.

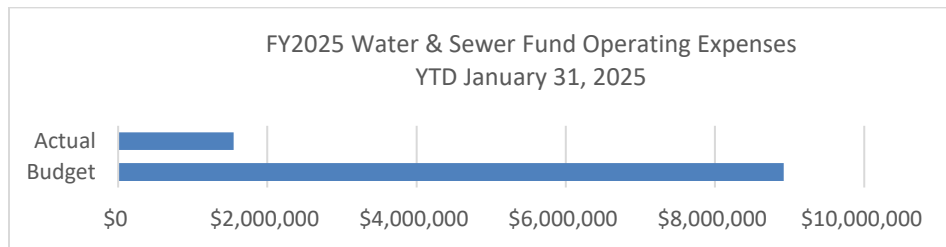
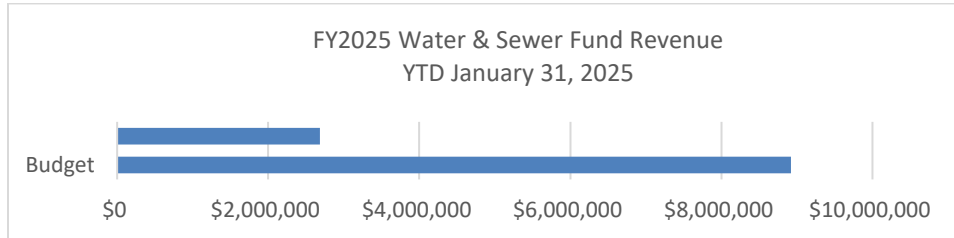
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

- FY25 is trending -6.06% less than FY24.



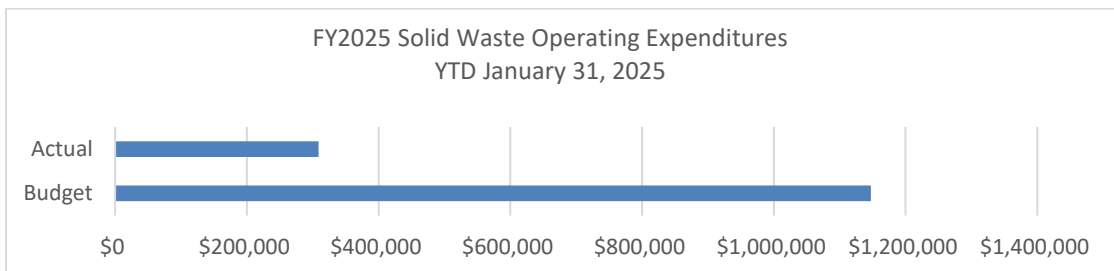
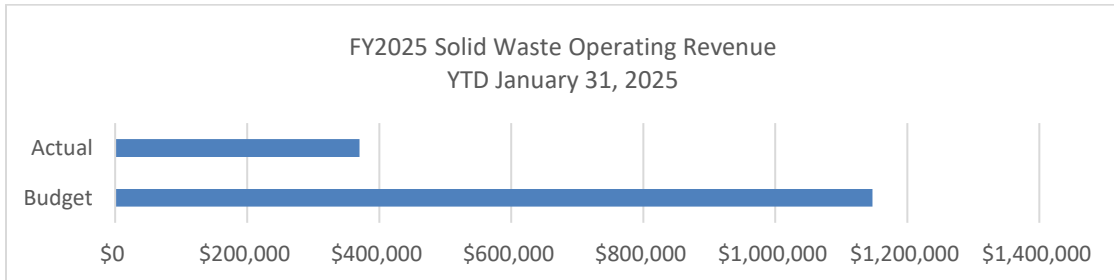
WATER AND SEWER FUND

- Water and sewer sales are trending along with budget projections. Revenue from water sales and sewer charges is 0.66% more than the same period in FY24.
- All department expenses are in line with the budget.



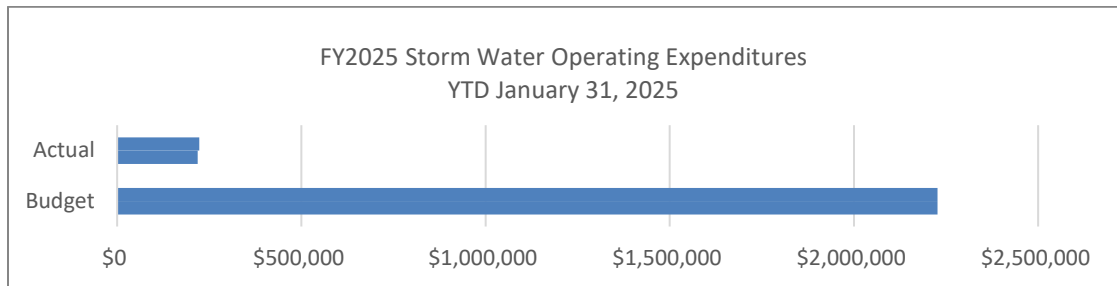
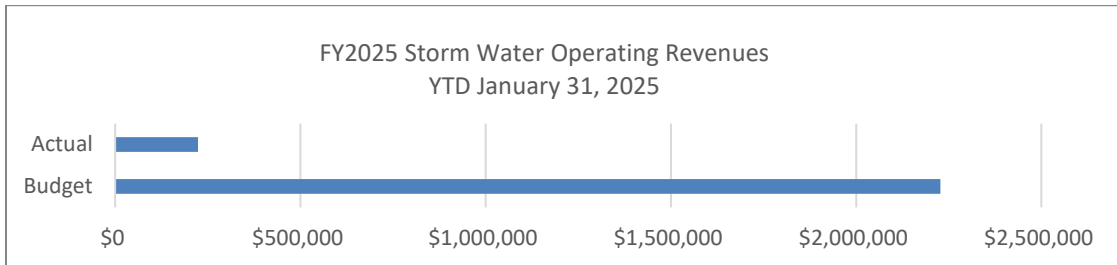
SOLID WASTE FUND

- Refuse Collection Charges are Revenues are 0.65% greater than the prior year.
- Expenses meet budget expectations.



STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

- Transfers In and Indirect Charges reflect a four-month allocation.
- Stormwater utility charges were first billed in January 2021 and are meeting budget expectations.
- Expenses are related to the startup of the new utility, projects, and allocated staff pay and benefits.



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Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND				
	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,877,660.00	1,150,420.59	61.27
	GENERAL SALES AND USE TAXES	1,482,000.00	456,100.12	30.78
	SELECTIVE SALES AND USES TAXES	158,000.00	92,201.67	58.36
	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES	151,000.00	125,125.00	82.86
	BUSINESS TAXES	805,000.00	806,779.69	100.22
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	2,500.00	304.57	12.18
	PERMITS AND FEES	154,700.00	40,045.46	25.89
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	23,985.00	9,715.44	40.51
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	702,811.00	247,718.99	35.25
	FINES AND FORFEITURES	181,600.00	71,876.08	39.58
	INVESTMENT INCOME	7,500.00	16,201.10	216.01
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,000.00	825.82	27.53
	OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	20,000.00	36,450.00	182.25
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	10,000.00	(6,336.81)	(63.37)
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	116,300.00	38,766.68	33.33
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		6,696,056.00	3,086,194.40	46.09
	LEGISLATIVE	364,581.00	51,162.96	14.03
	EXECUTIVE	268,774.00	84,902.41	31.59
	ELECTIONS	34,600.00	0.00	0.00
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,072,262.00	331,938.32	30.88
	MUNICIPAL COURT	305,504.00	50,018.50	16.37
	POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,030,040.00	276,221.54	26.69
	PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION	238,161.00	73,254.60	30.76
	STREETS	1,453,461.00	471,178.47	32.42
	MAINTENANCE AND SHOP	105,743.00	28,288.86	26.75
	CEMETERY	76,378.00	24,269.90	31.78
	PARKS	97,000.00	9,955.79	10.26
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	488,077.00	101,222.67	20.74
	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	111,475.00	0.00	0.00
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	1,050,000.00	350,000.00	33.33
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,696,056.00	1,852,414.02	27.63
Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	6,696,056.00	3,086,194.40	46.09
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,696,056.00	1,852,414.02	27.63
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	1,233,780.38	16,082.06

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Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,500.00	610.95	40.73
	INVESTMENT INCOME	8,000.00	0.00	0.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	1,500.00	2,000.00	133.33
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	15,900.00	3,960.00	24.91
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	137,300.00	45,766.68	33.33
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	166,922.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		331,122.00	52,337.63	15.81
	DDA ADMINISTRATION	147,734.00	44,683.54	30.25
	TOURISM	30,950.00	0.00	0.00
	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT	152,438.00	10,657.54	6.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		331,122.00	55,341.08	16.71
Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	331,122.00	52,337.63	15.81
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	331,122.00	55,341.08	16.71
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	(3,003.45)	100.00

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Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND				
	HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES	720,000.00	190,457.66	26.45
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	2,400.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	727,400.00	190,457.66	26.18
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	305,550.00	74,265.75	24.31
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	421,850.00	140,616.68	33.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	727,400.00	214,882.43	29.54
Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	727,400.00	190,457.66	26.18
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	727,400.00	214,882.43	29.54
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	(24,424.77)	100.00

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Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	15,000.00	44,644.22	297.63
	INVESTMENT INCOME	270,000.00	85,896.14	31.81
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	15,000.00	2,375.00	15.83
	OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	0.00	8,350.00	100.00
	WATER CHARGES	3,355,954.00	1,113,529.37	33.18
	TAP FEES - WATER	175,000.00	43,020.00	24.58
	SEWER CHARGES	2,475,760.00	772,285.81	31.19
	TAP FEES - SEWER	175,000.00	35,850.00	20.49
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	81,000.00	38,693.19	47.77
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,622,440.00	540,813.32	33.33
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	737,252.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES		8,922,406.00	2,685,457.05	30.10
SEWER LIFT STATIONS				
	SEWER TREATMENT PLANT	276,584.00	104,599.91	30.42
	DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION	911,403.00	275,743.78	29.81
	WATER SUPPLY	1,309,427.00	480,093.15	35.06
	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	335,296.00	54,834.13	16.35
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	2,543,744.00	338,146.78	13.20
	INTERFUND CHARGES	3,356,440.00	253,031.39	4.12
	OTHER COSTS	129,512.00	43,170.68	33.33
		60,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,922,406.00	1,549,619.82	13.07
Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
TOTAL REVENUES		8,922,406.00	2,685,457.05	30.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		8,922,406.00	1,549,619.82	13.07
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	1,135,837.23	38.68

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Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	250.00	75.00	30.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	12,843.00	0.00	0.00
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	2,000.00	865.30	43.27
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	7,500.00	3,146.99	41.96
	REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES	1,090,740.00	366,031.08	33.56
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	33,784.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,147,117.00	370,118.37	32.27
PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	584,573.00	170,014.25	29.08
	SUPPLIES	330,484.00	95,535.24	28.91
	INTERFUND CHARGES	132,700.00	23,595.65	17.78
	OTHER COSTS	59,360.00	19,786.68	33.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,000.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,147,117.00	308,931.82	26.93
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,147,117.00	370,118.37	32.27
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,147,117.00	308,931.82	26.93
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	61,186.55	100.00

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Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INVESTMENT INCOME	7,000.00	0.00	0.00
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,000.00	667.82	66.78
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	311,220.00	103,740.00	33.33
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	1,554,902.00	0.00	0.00
	STORMWATER UTILITY CHARGES	353,169.00	118,919.03	33.67
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,227,291.00	223,326.85	10.03
	PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	98,062.00	27,928.08	28.48
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	17,000.00	262.50	1.54
	SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,563.44	156.34
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	1,637,000.00	30,441.05	1.14
	INTERFUND CHARGES	474,229.00	158,076.32	33.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,227,291.00	218,271.39	6.68
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	2,227,291.00	223,326.85	10.03
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,227,291.00	218,271.39	6.68
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	5,055.46	0.49
	TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS	20,051,392.00	6,607,891.96	32.95
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	20,051,392.00	4,199,460.56	17.47
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	2,408,431.40	60.42

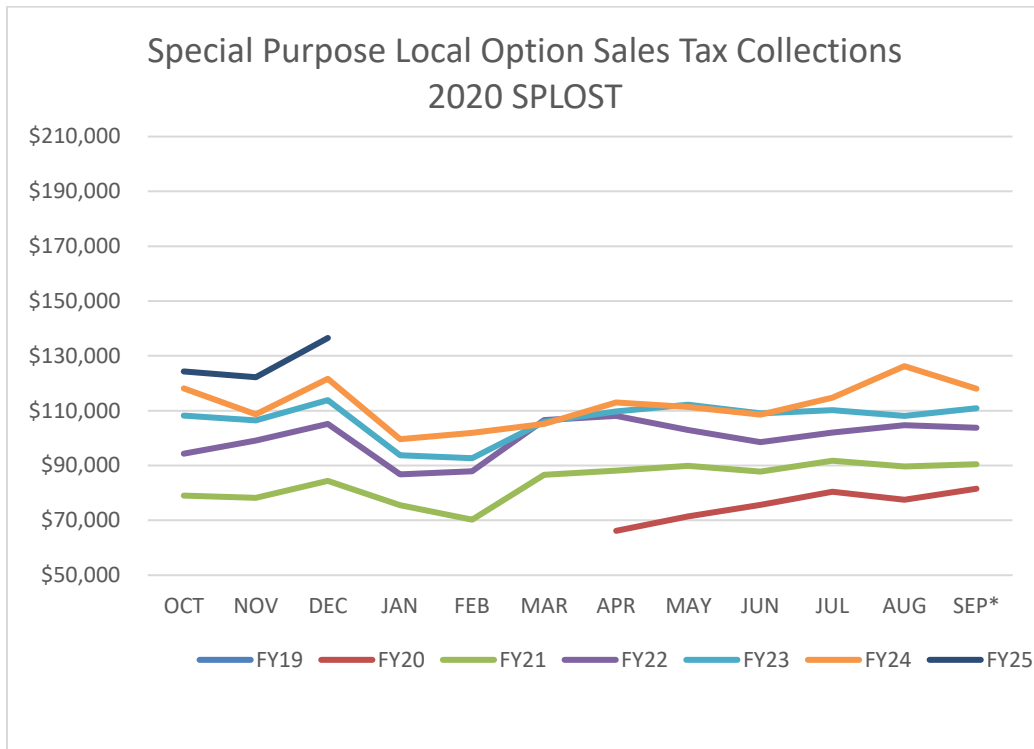


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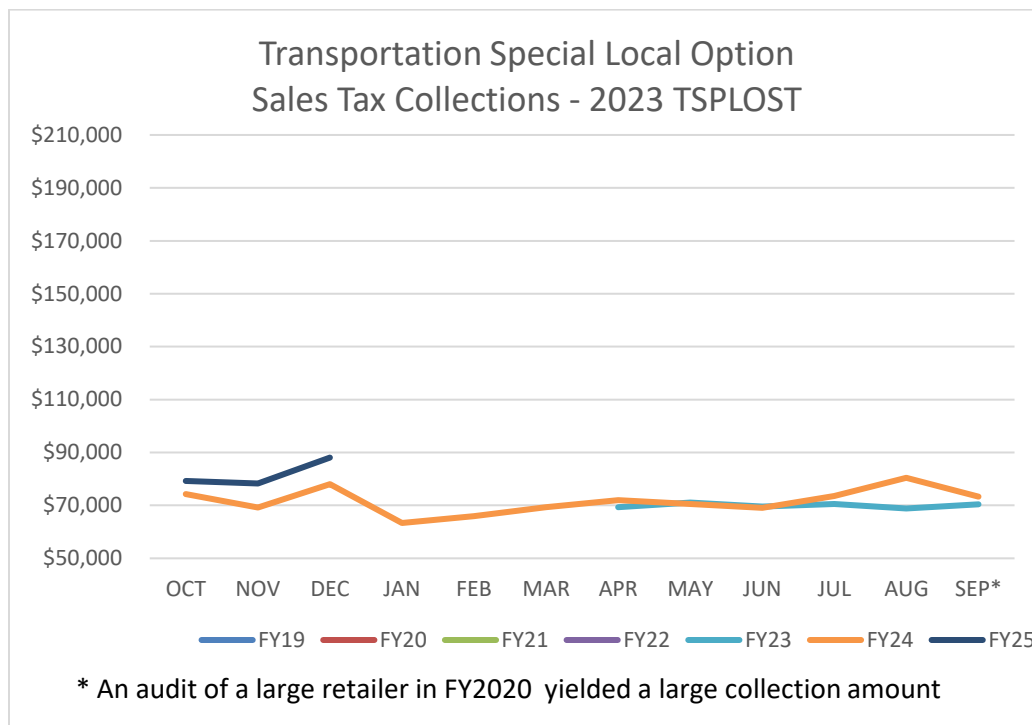
MONTHLY SALES TAX REPORTS

For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2025

SPLOST



- The current SPLOST continuation referendum has collections which run from April 2020 until March 2026.
- The City receives 21% of the net proceeds.
- The current SPLOST referendum project list is as follows:
 - 25% Roads and Bridges Resurfacing and Improvements
 - 25% Storm-water Infrastructure
 - 50% Water & Sewer System Improvements



- The current TSPLOST referendum was approved in 2022 by the votes for collections which run beginning April 2023 until March 2028.
- The City receives 19% of net proceeds.
- There is a joint project proposed with the county and state. A portion of our monthly distribution is held in escrow pending finalization of funding based on the project cost. Should the joint project not require a local match, the city and county could choose another joint project or use those escrowed funds in their respective jurisdictions.
- The current TSPLOST referendum project list is as follows:
 - Roads and Bridges Construction & Equipment
 - Sidewalks Construction & Improvements
 - Bicycle Path Construction & Improvements

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City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 2/25/2025
TITLE: Reservoir Management Plan Update 2025
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Reservoir Management Plan Update 2025

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

A Reservoir Management Plan was first adopted in 2005 and subsequently updated in 2006. The City of Dahlonaga has operational control of the jointly owned reservoir and buffer. As use of the area around the park has increased, both the city and county have explored additional amenities for the area. The county has an adopted master plan for the park land owned outside the buffer and has some interest in seeing additional amenities included which could support their park land. The council should consider an update to the Reservoir Management Plan to allow for the implementation of certain capital projects. Staff do not support full-time swimming in the reservoir but do support limited events. This is both a liability and cost consideration as full-time swimming activities come with a heavy testing cost and liability insurance cost. As of the date of this memo, no additional comments have been received from the county.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the budget to update this plan.

RECOMMENDATION

If there are no additional comments to this final draft, staff recommends the document be taken to final form, shared with the county for their acceptance, and then come back before council for adoption and subsequent submission to the EPD for approval.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Reservoir Management Plan 2025

Yahoola Creek Reservoir Management Plan

February 2025



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Definitions (Taken from 2005-4 City of Dahlonega RMP Ordinance)

Buffer means a natural or enhanced vegetated area with no or limited minor land disturbances, such as trails and picnic areas.

Corridor means all land within the buffer areas.

Impervious Surface means a man-made structure or surface that prevents the infiltration of stormwater into the ground below the structure or surface. Examples include buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots, decks, swimming pools, or patios.

Reservoir Boundary means the edge of a water supply reservoir defined by its normal pool elevation. The reservoir boundary of the Yahoola Reservoir shall be at approximately 1238 NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum, formerly known as mean sea level).

Reservoir Property means all of the water supply reservoir, 150 foot buffer, plus adjacent lands owned jointly by the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County.

Perennial Stream means a stream that flows throughout the whole year as indicated on a USGS 1:24000 Scale Quad map.

Utility means public or private water or sewer piping systems, water or sewer pumping stations, electric power lines, fuel facilities, telephone lines, fiber optic lines, roads, driveways, bridges of all types, river/lake access facilities, stormwater systems, rail roads, and other utilities identified by the City.

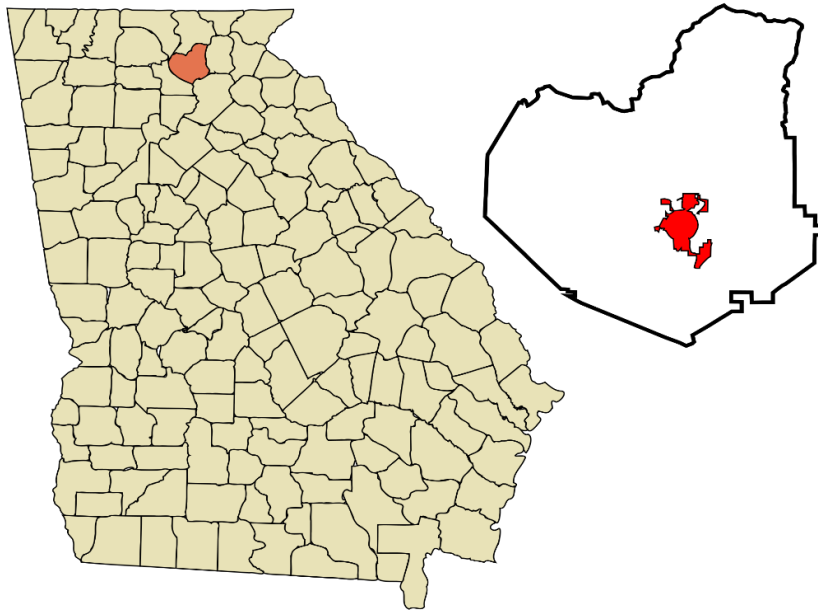
Background

The City of Dahlonega began as a frontier gold rush town in 1833 shortly after the discovery of gold by settlers in northeast Georgia. The region produced enough gold for the US Mint to establish a branch mint here at the same time it did in New Orleans, LA and Charlotte, NC. Before railroads were built and despite its remoteness, the population of Dahlonega was larger than Atlanta and Chicago combined (1840).

Until 1927 the City did not have a public water supply or transmission system. Residents, businesses, mines and the North Georgia Agricultural College (former site of the Mint and now the University of North Georgia) were dependent on wells or diverted surface water. Since then the City has constructed and operated three water treatment plants in proximity to Yahoola Creek.

Dahlonega is the county seat and sole municipality in Lumpkin County. Today the City has permitted water treatment capacity of 6 million gallons per day (4mgd/2mgd redundancy) provided by a state-of-the-art filter membrane treatment (Pall) plant. It serves over 7,500 residents in the City. It also supplies bulk treated water to the Lumpkin County Water & Sewer Authority for resale and distribution to its customers. The City is one of the top 10 cities in Georgia in terms of percentage rate of population growth from 2010 to the present. Because of the future growth projections, the water facility was ~~designed~~ programmed for future expansions up to a maximum treatment capacity of 12 MGD. This expansion can easily be accomplished by adding more filters, larger pumps and an additional clear well. The current footprint of the facility will not have to be increased.

The Yahoola Creek Reservoir project (also known as Lake Zwerner) officially began in 1992 with approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers to build a 141-acre impoundment of Yahoola Creek northeast of the City of Dahlonega in central Lumpkin County.

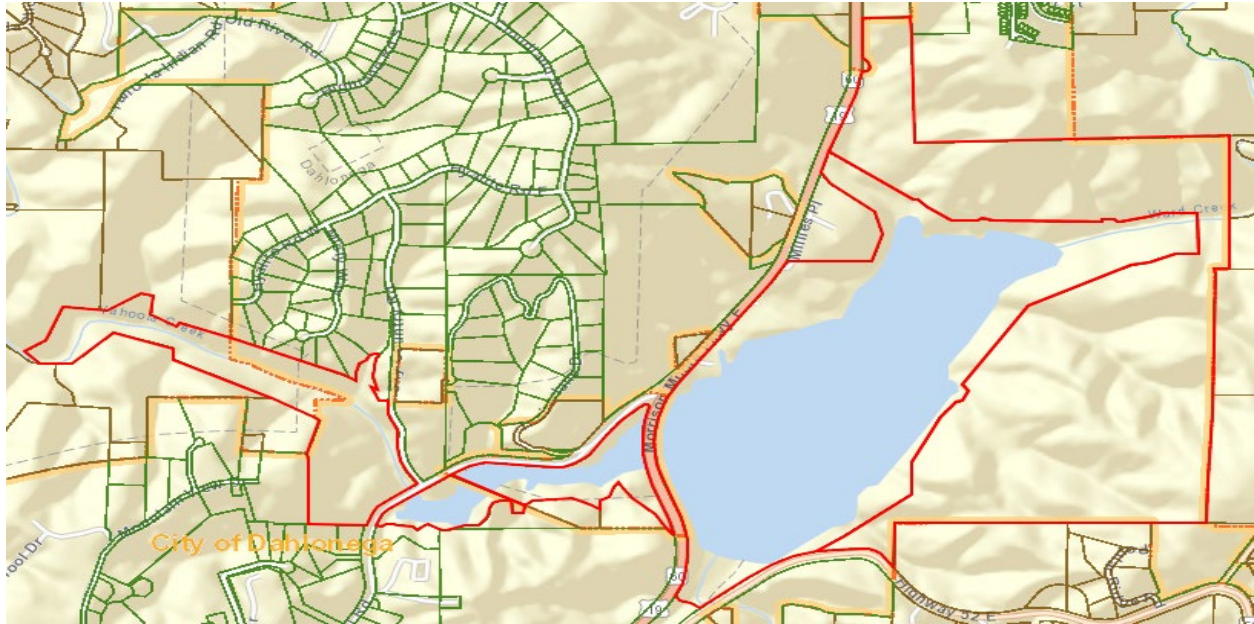


The Yahoola Creek Reservoir is the collective catchment point for approximately 20,500 acres in the Yahoola Creek Watershed (HUC # 031300010602) which lies completely in Lumpkin County. It is a rural area marked by low density development. There are no other cities, towns or densely populated areas existing or planned above the Reservoir. There are also no railroads, landfills or significant potential hazard sources in the basin.



The construction of the Reservoir started in 1999 and was completed in 2003. During that time frame, a raw water intake structure was constructed. This project became a joint venture of the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County after the State of Georgia suspended plans for a state park with a recreational lake. The City and County borrowed money to buy the area of the proposed lake, the entire shoreline and the majority of property within 500 feet of the lake surface from the State. Construction of the reservoir dam resulted in making the then-existing

award winning second treatment plant (charcoal/sand filters) obsolete. City and/or County land ownership in proximity to the reservoir are outlined in red below.



For many reasons Dahlonega is a popular tourist destination. It attracts well over a million visitors and guests year-round because of its rich history, award-winning Square, the draw of the mountains, its active recreational opportunities, film opportunities, AVA Dahlonega Plateau wine region designation, popular festivals and events, and hosts over 500 weddings a year, along with hundreds of University athletic, military, arts and academic programs. These visitors seek things to do while in the area and Lake Zwermer is an attractive, but under-utilized resource.

The new Reservoir Management Plan is intended to build on the City's excellent reputation for high water quality while at the same time achieving balanced recreational uses of the lake. It is based on nineteen years of successful practice with the existing RMP, consultation with other water resource professionals in Georgia, and review of practices from several existing RMPs for other reservoirs in the state. It recognizes that one size does not fit all and balances concerns that are unique to the watershed, the location and desires of the community.

Watershed Description

The creek watershed and associated waters is designated by the United States Geological Survey as sub-watershed HUC 031300010602, is named the Yahoola Creek sub-watershed, and drains an area of approximately 34 square miles north of Dahlonega. Bryant Creek to the west and Ward Creek to the northeast drain areas to either side of Yahoola Creek by picking up several unnamed branches each before joining the Yahoola.

Yahoola Creek rises at the confluence of Walden Creek and Walnut Cove Creek in north-central Lumpkin County, approximately 2 miles southeast of Suches, and south of State Route 60, in the southern portion of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. The creek heads south for under a mile before picking up Lee Creek from the west and Robison Creek from the northeast, then continues south for another mile before being joined by Woody Creek from the north, which rises north of and runs parallel to Yahoola Creek until their confluence. Just a third of a mile further, the creek picks up Jarrard Creek from the east, then continues south and picks up two unnamed branches, before making a sharp westerly curve to meet with Bryant Creek, and turning back to the south. Yahoola Creek continues south for approximately 4.5 miles, exits the national forest, then meets Ward Creek after covering another 3.2 miles, just after crossing U.S. Route 19/State Route 60, where the two creeks form Lake Zwerner just north of Dahlonega. The creek exits Lake Zwerner to the south, and picks up Tanyard Branch after 1.6 miles, then joins the Chestatee River approximately 3 miles further south right as the waters again meet U.S. Route 19 and State Route 60 south of Dahlonega.

Although it is located in the northeast Georgia Mountains region, the valley location selected for the reservoir near the City resulted in it being relatively shallow. This has required the City of Dahlonega to be vigilant and proactive to ensure the quality of the water is kept in its highest natural form. Four Solar Bee Reservoir Circulators were installed at strategic locations to help alleviate nutrient build-up in the lake. Appropriate prohibitions and restrictions were implemented consistent with state criteria to help maintain this objective as well. Limits in public entrances, types of motorized boats, and buffer zones are just a few of the activities that have helped maintain the quality of the water in the reservoir. Water quality testing has shown that the steps the City of Dahlonega has taken in the past has kept the natural environment of the lake at its highest quality.

The Reservoir's estimated storage capacity of 850 Million gallons was and is intended by the City and County to ensure that the City and unincorporated County would have a reliable source of water for the foreseeable future. Day-to-day operations of the Reservoir are overseen by the City with the County maintaining the hiking trail that runs the entire perimeter of the lake. Since 2006 the City and County have operated Lake Zwerner under an existing Reservoir Management Plan approved by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division in 2006. Please see Appendix C for the existing RMP.

Objectives

The primary objective of this revised plan is to continue to preserve and protect the quality of water in the Yahoola Creek Reservoir. Secondary objectives are to maintain or improve the quality of the natural environmental conditions while accommodating the safe and healthful use of the Reservoir and its lands for limited recreational purposes by the general public. These objectives can be met through a series of Prohibitions, Restrictions, Public Education and Buffer Restriction measures. These build upon existing measures from the original RMP adopted in 2005 and updated in 2006. Security and Maintenance is incorporated as part of this plan.

As required by the State Criteria for Water Supply Watersheds (Section 391-3-16-.01 (8b) of the Environmental Planning Criteria) prohibitions or restrictions will be enforced on the following activities:

- Swimming
- Fishing
- Boating
- Docks
- Public Access
- Other Activities

The following activities are prohibited or allowed on a restricted basis as described. Please note all proposed improvements mentioned in the prohibitions and restrictions are optional. None shall be specifically required to be constructed.

- SWIMMING
 - Prohibitions—The general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:
 - Swimming shall be prohibited ~~November through March~~ in all areas of the reservoir, **unless held in conjunction with a Triathlon, Emergency Response, Military Training,** or similar supervised event.
 - Restrictions—The following swimming and wading related activities are allowed but restricted as described below:
 - Shall be allowed only in areas assigned and contained **for the activities listed above.** ~~these activities during designated times of day and seasons.~~
 - Bodily contact other than incidental contact during human-powered boating events such as canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and sculling **are restricted to seasonal days and hours to be determined.**

- ~~▪ Designated swimming areas will be not be located within 1500 feet of the raw water intake. Excludes triathlon events, see restriction below:~~

- ~~○ Triathlons:~~

- ~~▪ Limit of four (4) events per calendar year.~~
- ~~▪ Length of the sprint course cannot exceed ½ mile and must stay a minimum of 500 feet distance away from the raw water intake.~~

- FISHING

- Prohibitions—The general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:
 - Fishing from boats shall be prohibited when the bottom of access ramp(s) are above the water surface and when ramp(s) are under repair.
 - Fishing from public road rights-of-way and bridges shall be prohibited at all times.
- Restrictions—The following fishing related activities are allowed but restricted as described below:
 - Shall be allowed only in areas assigned and contained for these activities during designated ~~times of day and~~ seasons.
 - Year-round fishing shall be restricted to individuals holding a valid State of Georgia fishing license or otherwise exempt. All fishing shall be in accordance with the state regulations.

- BOATING

- Prohibitions—The general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:
 - Public use of boats with gasoline/diesel-powered motors.
- Restrictions—The following boating related activities are allowed but restricted as described below:
 - Use of boats with gasoline-powered motors shall be by City Maintenance crews, **or contracted vendors, performing maintenance only.**
 - Boat launching will be restricted to two designated areas (existing boat launch accessed from Morrison Moore Parkway and planned dock/ramp/launch platform at Wimpy Mill Rd). These areas will be closed if the reservoir is at or below an elevation of 1232 mean sea level.

- DOCKS

- Restrictions—The following floating and pier mounted docks and structures related construction and installation are allowed but restricted as described below:
 - Construction or improvements within the reservoir boundary is restricted to local, state, and federal government agency projects. Examples of typical projects may include floating docks, limited to a maximum of 3, with a maximum footprint of 625 square feet each and/or up to 3 reservoir pier mounted docks. Construction of piers, abutments or any other structures necessary for support of pedestrian bridges and other structures described herein shall be allowed.
- PUBLIC ACCESS
 - Prohibitions—The general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:
 - Public access to the reservoir intake facilities, the dam weir/labyrinth, spillway and any other water containment or release facilities other than the earthen dam, its approach trail and the pedestrian footbridge over the spillway.
 - Pedestrian visitors on any City-owned land, County-owned land, or jointly-owned land within the boundary of the reservoir specifically fenced, gated, or posted (not including those locations described above prohibiting public access).
 - Restrictions—The following access related activities are allowed but restricted as described below:
 - Vehicle parking shall be in one of four designated gravel parking areas (three existing, one future and the expansion of one of the three existing) only.
 - Only the public restroom facilities located at Morrison Moore Parkway Boat Ramp parking area and/or Wimpy Mill Road parking area shall be utilized.
 - Pedestrian visitors shall be limited to provided trails, docks, picnic areas, “zip-line” access point(s), boat ramps, parking areas or any other access facilities constructed by the City or the County for the purpose of public recreation.
- OTHER ACTIVITIES
 - Prohibitions—The general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:
 - Littering or dumping.
 - Discharge of any pollutant.
 - Feeding of wildlife.

- Hunting on city-owned property including but not limited to the Reservoir Buffer.

Additional prohibitions determined by the City over time to be necessary or prudent.

Education

The City will conduct a public education campaign to educate the public on preserving their natural resource in various ways:

- City Website/Social Media will be used to encourage our citizens and visitors to the Reservoir to practice good stewardship of the reservoir and its environment.
- No less than annually, the City will encourage/assist the local newspaper in writing an informative article to involve the public, including University of North Georgia students in voluntary duties at the Reservoir. This will not only ask their assistance in daily clean-ups of the lake but also to report any environmental problems that may occur naturally or by means of man.
- The Lumpkin County School System will be encouraged to explore the natural habitats that surround the lake to their students and the City will volunteer their time and expertise to this program.
- Signage will be used in key locations to educate the public in pollution awareness and other matters that may affect the quality of our precious resource.

Buffer Restrictions

There shall be a Reservoir buffer zone around the entire Reservoir boundary. The buffer distance around the Reservoir shall be one hundred fifty (150) feet horizontally from the Reservoir Boundary, with the exception of City facilities described under “Restrictions” above.

Buffer restrictions for perennial streams within the reservoir watershed and within the City Limits of Dahlonega shall be the lesser of the following:

- 100 feet for perennial streams
- The distance measured horizontally from the water’s edge to a point at which natural ground contours direct stormwater AWAY from the reservoir.

There shall be no impervious surfaces placed within the buffer not specifically described under “Restrictions” above.

Buffer Zones that are cleared of trees and shrubs should be planted with native trees and shrubs. The City will maintain buffer vegetation without the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides of any type.

The City may obtain any necessary permits for and to conduct periodic maintenance dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain adequate storage in the Reservoir. This will generally apply to the upstream portions of the reservoir near the Wimpy Mill Road bridge over Yahoola Creek. Maintenance activities in the buffer area will be performed in accordance with Federal and State rules and regulations. Reclaimed material may, but shall not be required, to be used within the reservoir boundary to establish or augment “Living Shoreline”, or may be removed to maintain flow and capacity.

The City may perform facility maintenance of the dam, intake, parks or other improvements within the buffer utilizing any equipment and by any means necessary.

Where buffer areas are also wetlands, the City must approve any land-disturbing activity; and the proper permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act must be obtained prior to the initiation of such activities. In areas designated as wetland restoration and/or preservation areas by the Corps, no disturbance generally will be permitted.

Appendix A: Detailed Map of Reservoir

Overall Existing and Proposed Reservoir Facility Map.....Page 15

Wimpy Mill Picnic Area Inset.....Page 16





Appendix B: Security and Maintenance Plans

Security

Security measures will be taken to insure the public's water supply is protected thru various ways:

- Fencing has been installed around the raw water intake with security cameras located on the building with 360-degree coverage. The inside of the intake building will also be monitored, and all cameras will record 24 hours a day.
- Natural dirt berms and railing are installed to prevent vehicles from accidentally entering the reservoir. Natural vegetation will be maintained at approximately 95% coverage around the shoreline to discourage vehicular or high-volume pedestrian areas.
- Bollards, boulders, and other devices will be used at all public parking areas to prevent accidental entering of vehicles into the reservoir.
- Outside lighting will be maintained at the Morrison Moore parking area and the raw water intake structure.
- Proper signage will be installed around spillways, intake structure, ~~swimming area~~ and other critical areas warning of danger and limited access.
- City, County and State Law Enforcement will be given full access to the facilities for security matters.

Maintenance/Quality Monitoring

Monitoring and water quality testing will be performed at the reservoir to ensure the quality of the water is being protected.

- Daily testing of turbidity, iron, manganese, pH, alkalinity and temperature will be performed on the raw water as it enters the water plant.
- Daily reservoir water levels will be recorded. When unsafe levels are detected, access to the reservoir may be limited to certain areas and/or completely restricted until a safe level of water is achieved in the reservoir.
- Weekly testing of conductivity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, temperature, pH and flow rate on the water exiting the reservoir will continue to be performed.
- ~~Monthly fecal coliform testing will be performed at four sites (please see locations on map):~~

- ~~A. Wimpy Mill Bridge~~
- ~~B. Boat Ramp~~
- ~~C. Swimming Area~~
- ~~D. Raw Water Intake~~

- ~~If any water quality measurements taken are out of the normal levels or are above recreational levels, actions will be taken to lessen the environmental impact to the reservoir. This may require limiting/prohibiting public access to the water in the reservoir.~~
- Algae/Nutrient Build-up:
 - Four Solar Bees are installed to help prevent nutrient build-up, insure proper mixing, and reduce the chances of an algae bloom from occurring.
 - Algae sampling will be performed at the water intake on an as needed basis. If it is determined that the quality and/or quantity of the algae needs treatment, algaecide will be applied, and copper testing will be performed on the water for a minimum of five days to ensure over treatment is not occurring.
- Construction of timbered shoreline bulkhead and “Living Shorelines” to reduce bank erosion and sediment deposit, providing for nutrient uptake and facilitating growth of native aquatic trees along the shoreline shall be allowed.
- Shoreline vegetative maintenance may be performed as needed to protect and maintain recreation and other facilities.

Appendix C: Current RMP Ordinance 2005-4

AMENDMENT # 1 ORDINANCE 2005-4

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION RULES

Whereas, the State of Georgia requires that local municipalities owning small water supply reservoirs adopt Reservoir Management Plans, as described in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division rules, Chapter 391-3-16.01; and

Whereas, the City of Dahlonega (City) wishes to ensure that the Yahoola Reservoir is used and has available capacity for municipal raw water storage and intake; and

Whereas, Public access to the Reservoir needs to be restricted to areas and under conditions specified by the City, for protection of water quality in the Reservoir; now, therefore:

Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of Dahlonega, and it is so ordained by the authority thereof that the following Reservoir Management Plan (Plan) is hereby adopted. The effective date of this resolution shall be October 2, 2006. The resolution shall remain in effect until such time as it is repealed or superseded by a subsequent plan.

Definitions:

Buffer-means a natural or enhanced vegetated area with no or limited minor land Disturbances, such as trails and picnic areas.

Corridor-means all land within the buffer areas.

Impervious Surface-means a man-made structure or surface that prevents the infiltration of storm water into the ground below the structure or surface. Examples include buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots, decks, swimming pools, or patios.

Reservoir Boundary-means the edge of a water supply reservoir defined by its normal pool elevation. The reservoir boundary of the Yahoola Reservoir shall be at approximately 1238 NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum, formerly known as mean sea level).

Reservoir Property-means all of the water supply reservoir plus adjacent lands owned by the City/County.

Perennial Stream means a stream that flows throughout the whole year as indicated on a USGC Quad map.

Utility-means public or private water or sewer piping systems, water or sewer pumping stations, electric power lines, fuel facilities, telephone lines, roads, driveways, bridges, river/lake access facilities, storm water systems, railroads, and other utilities identified by the City.

Prohibitions

As required in the State Criteria for Water Supply Watersheds (391-3-16.01 8. (b) (1.), the general public shall be prohibited from the following on property within the boundaries of the Reservoir:

- Public access by motorized vehicles is limited to the two parking Lots on Morrison Moore Parkway
- Wading, swimming or bathing
- Littering or dumping
- Boats with gasoline-powered motors
- Building boat docks
- Discharge of any pollutant
- Fishing, except between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., year round by individuals holding a valid State of Georgia fishing license.

Buffer Restrictions

There shall be a Reservoir buffer zone around the entire Reservoir boundary. The buffer distance around the Reservoir shall be one hundred fifty (150) feet horizontally from the Reservoir Boundary, with the exception of City facilities. The buffer zone around the Reservoir is located entirely within land owned either in whole or in part by the City/County.

Buffer zones that are cleared of trees and shrubs should be planted with native trees and shrubs. The City is encouraged to maintain buffer vegetation without the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides of any type.

Where buffer areas are also wetlands, the City must approve any land-disturbing activity; and the proper permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act must be obtained prior to the initiation of such activities. In areas designated as wetland restoration and/or preservation areas by the Corps, no disturbance generally will be permitted.

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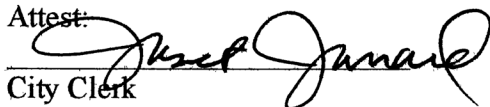
Persons entering the City property or the Reservoir boundaries may be required to show property identification to law enforcement personnel.

Expulsion/Remedies

The City reserves the right to expel persons engaged in unlawful, dangerous, or disruptive activities on Reservoir properties. In addition, any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable as for a misdemeanor with imprisonment not to exceed six months and a fine not to exceed \$1000.00.

It is so ordained this 2nd day of Oct, 2006.


Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

Appendix D: Draft ~~2019~~ 2025 RMP Ordinance

Ordinance 2025-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA WHICH APPEARS IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE CODE OF THE ICTY OF DAHLOENGA, GEORGIA AT: CHAPER 121: RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Short title: "An ordinance to revise the Reservoir Management Plan of the City of Dahlonega."

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega adopted a Reservoir Management Plan for the City's Lake Zwerner reservoir August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia adopted Amendment One to the Reservoir Management Plan on October 2, 2206; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega desires to update and amend the Reservoir Management Plan further by way of this Amendment Two.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, and it is so ordained by the authority of the City Council of Dahlonega, that Chapter 121; shall further be amended to incorporate by reference in its entirety a document entitle City of Dahlonega, Georgia Reservoir Management Plan of April 2025.

Adopted and ordained this ____day of April 2025.

By:

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Hansard, City Clerk



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 2/7/2025
TITLE: Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Vendor Selection
PRESENTED BY:
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

City staff is in negotiations with Heath & Lineback Engineers (H&L) for CEI services for the Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk. H&L was selected by committee through the GDOT Quality Based Selection method as the most qualified provider. The selected vendor will provide engineering and inspection services throughout the length of the project in accordance with rigorous and complex GDOT and FHWA standards. At the time of this writing, a negotiated cost had not been determined. However, staff intends to bring the final cost to City Council at the March 3 meeting with a recommendation to award.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of this project will draw from grant funds already received from FHWA and previously budgeted General Ledger line items. Staff is in discussions with multiple branches of GDOT in an effort to secure additional grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

None at this time. Staff is hopeful of a recommendation for award by March 3.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None. However, extensive proposal submission documents are available for those that would like to view them.



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 2/10/2025
TITLE: Cyber Security Plan Update
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
PRIORITY: Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Cyber Security Plan Update

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The City of Dahlonaga implemented a Cyber Security Plan in 2019. Due to changes in staff and IT providers, it is necessary to update the policy. The only changes to the plan were to update personnel and consultants. Updating the plan ensures we can keep affordable cyber security incident coverage. To protect the integrity of the plan, the plan document is not forward facing to the public.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation of staff is to update the policy.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Cybersecurity Plan (not forward facing)
