

CITY OF DAHLONEGA Council Meeting Agenda November 07, 2022, 6:00 PM Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2022 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- Council Work Session Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2022
 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2022
 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk

APPOINTMENT/RECOGNITION

 Unveiling of the Community Helping Place Christmas Ornament Melissa Line, CHP Executive Director

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

 Ordinance 2022-12: Ordinance to allow for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Doug Parks, City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENT/CITY REPORTS:

3. Financial Report - August 2022

Allison Martin, Finance Director

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2023 Employee Benefits Program Allison Martin, Finance Director Matt Bidwell, MSI Benefits Group, Inc.
- 5. Proposed Construction Easement Pinetree Way Allison Martin, Finance Director
- Project # 2022-017 Wimpy Mill Road Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Public Notice 2023 Meeting Dates

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

- 8. 2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Process Mary Csukas, City Clerk
- 9. Executive Session Personnel Matters and Litigation

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments City Manager Comments City Attorney Comments City Council Comments Mayor Comments

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF DAHLONEGA Council Meeting - Amended Minutes October 05, 2022, 6:00 PM Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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PRESENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor Councilmember Ron Larson Councilmember Roman Gaddis Councilmember Johnny Ariemma Councilmember Ross Shirley Councilmember Lance Bagley

ABSENT

Councilmember Ryan Reagin

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 She thanked everyone for being in attendance.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Taylor led a prayer for Allison Martin, Finance Director, regarding the loss of her father. Councilmember Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Larson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Jim Gribben of 257 Hawkins St introduced himself and indicated he had come to previous meetings and find ways to assist. He expressed his thoughts regarding the opportunity for community members to speak on agenda items. The County has this feature on its web page. He also was looking for information on the Head House regarding potential tenants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

a. Special Called Council Work Session Minutes September 6, 2022

Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk

- b. Council Work Session Minutes September 19, 2022
 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- c. City Council Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022
 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk
- e. City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes October 3, 2022 Danna Foster, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Taylor read the titles of all meetings and asked for a motion to approve all minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson to approve all items a-e, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

APPOINTMENT/RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation - Offical 2022 City of Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Mayor Taylor read the proclamation announcing the Community Helping Place Ornament to be the official 2022 City of Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament.

2. Proclamation - Mark Spraker, Chair of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for 2022

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Mayor Taylor read the proclamation.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

3. Ordinance 2022-12: Ordinance to allow for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Doug Parks, City Attorney

Mayor Taylor announced the item and deferred the article for later in the meeting.

At 6:32 pm, the Mayor returned to the item and called for a motion for Ordinance 2022-12, an ordinance to allow for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Motion made by Councilmember Larson, seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Mayor Taylor asked for any discussion.

Councilmember Shirley called attention to section 10-129 violations. He paraphrased, "Any individual or organization that violates the Rules and Regulations of Municipal Cemeteries will be prohibited from holding future tours or events in the cemetery. Independent violations of the law will also be prosecuted." He discussed the statement did not allow any discretion by the council or city attorney and added that it seemed a little harsh to me. He wanted more flexibility on how violations were handled.

City Attorney Parks enters the meeting.

Mayor Taylor explained that Councilmember Shirley was looking for some moderation in the wording of the section above.

There was a discussion of an edit that was made, which may not have made the packet.

Mayor Taylor stated she would entertain a motion for the item as modified by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Larson revised his motion to approve section 10-129 as amended.

Councilmember Shirley seconded.

Mayor Taylor called for further discussion.

Councilmember Bagley asked City Attorney Parks to read that section again.

City Attorney Parks read, "Any tour guide or group organizer that materially violates the rules and regulations of the municipal cemetery will be prohibited from holding future tours or events in the cemetery."

Councilmember Gaddis thanked City Attorney Parks for the clarification. He indicated he did not see the document until today and that he would be voting no on the document because of the version that was advertised to the public. He suggested tabling it. Councilmember Larson added that there didn't seem to be an urgency.

Councilmember Ariemma asked about the formality of it. Councilmember Larson added that if there was no further discussion, based on the points raised, he withdrew his motion requesting the ordinance be properly circulated and addressed at the next meeting. Councilmember Shirley withdrew his second. Mayor Taylor asked this item to be moved to the next meeting and the item circulated.

Council returned to the comment section of the meeting.

4. Ordinance 2022-13 - Cross-connection

Mark Buchanan, City Engineer & John Jarrard, JWS

Mayor Taylor announced the item and asked for a motion.

Mayor Taylor called for, and there was no discussion

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to adopt Ordinance 2022-13, approving the cross-connection plan for the City of Dahlonega., Seconded by Councilmember Shirley. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

5. Resolution 2022-14 - FY22 Budget Amendment for Additional Tourism Funds

Allison Martin, Finance Director

Mayor Taylor announced the item and called for a motion.

Mayor Taylor called for, and there was no discussion.

RG read motion

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to amend the FY2022 budget as outlined in Attachment A to Resolution 2022-14, Seconded by Councilmember Larson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

ANNOUNCEMENT/CITY REPORTS:

Financial Report - August 2022
 Allison Martin, Finance Director
 Financial report was not given this evening due to Director Martin's absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

7. 2023 Employee Benefits Program

Allison Martin, Finance Director

Matt Bidwell, MSI Benefits Group, Inc.

Mayor Taylor announced that the initial discussion was at the last work session, and the final work is underway finalizing numbers. There is no presentation this evening. It remained on the agenda, so the Council would know it is still being worked on. No motion is required.

8. Proposed Construction Easement Pinetree Way

Allison Martin, Finance Director

Mayor Taylor announced that the specifics of granting the easement are still underway. No motion is required.

9. Project # 2021-004 Choice Street Parking Lot Resurfacing

Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager

Mayor Taylor announced the item and turned it over to Manager Hunsinger.

Manager Hunsinger announced that the bid came in at \$87,264. There are funds of \$35,000 rolled over from 2022 and \$70,000 from 2023.

Councilmember Larson stated that based on the additional information on the budget of 2022 and 2021 with it being fully funded, he made a motion to approve the 2021-004 Choice St Parking Lot resurfacing. It was seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Mayor Taylor called for further discussion.

Councilmember Bagley expressed concerns about inflation.

Council and the City Manager discussed the costs and the possibility of building a parking garage there. Manager Hunsinger indicated there were no plans for a parking garage. They also discussed timing and keeping the lot looking nice.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

It was questioned by Council during the discussion of item 10 that this item was mislabeled and should be 2022-004. Manager Hunsinger confirmed that this item is labeled correctly.

10. Project # 2021-019 Choice Street Sidewalk

Vince Hunsinger, Capital Project Manager

Mayor Taylor announced the item and turned the it over to Manager Hunsinger. Mayor Taylor called for a motion.

Councilmember Bagley made a motion to approve the Construction of a curb, gutter, concrete sidewalk, and installation of a brick paver sidewalk on Choice Street 2021-019

and then asked if it should be 2022-19, which was affirmed. Councilmember Gaddis seconded.

Mayor Taylor indicated there was a challenge with the project, and they were faced with high bids. She added that Manager Hunsinger had cleared his suggestion with Director Martin.

Manager Hunsinger indicated that the low bid came in at \$74,375. He added that he was asking for a 15% contingency. The budget was set at \$41,715, and per Director Martin, the additional funds would come out of TSPLOST monies. The total need is \$85,531. He added that \$43,816 would come out of TSPLOST. Manager Hunsinger indicated there was enough for this project and the Mechanicsville road project. Council discussed the visual of this sidewalk, the front sidewalk, the materials used, and costs.

Mayor Taylor called for those in favor of approving project 2022-019.

Motion made by Councilmember Bagley, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

Council moved to back to item number 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk Csukas reminded the Council of the Staff appreciation on Friday. Councilmember Larson asked what was expected of Council on that day.

City Manager Lewis had no comments.

City Attorney Parks had no comments this evening.

Councilmember Shirley had no additional comments. Councilmember Ariemma apologized to City Attorney Parks for a mishap in the doorway. Councilmember Gaddis thanked Mr.Gibbens for his comments and encouraged him to check out Leadership Lumpkin as a great way to get plugged into the community. Councilmember Larson had no additional comments.

Councilmember Larson commented that the Head House looks great and will be a stand-out piece for Dahlonega. Mayor Taylor had no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Larson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma,

Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley



CITY OF DAHLONEGA Council Work Session Minutes October 17, 2022, 4:00 PM Dahlonega City Hall

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PRESENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor Councilmember Ron Larson Councilmember Roman Gaddis Councilmember Johnny Ariemma Councilmember Ryan Reagin Councilmember Ross Shirley ABSENT Councilmember Lance Bagley

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

1. Cemetery Committee—September 2022

Chris Worick, Committee Chairman

Director Buchanan stated there was a new surveillance camera at Mount Hope Cemetery.

2. Downtown Dahlonega – September 2022

Ariel Alexander, Downtown Manager

Mayor Taylor asked if there was anything additional to report. Manager Alexander stated that the Agenda indicated the report was August 2022, but it is September 2022.

TOURISM: Sam McDuffie, Tourism Director

Mayor Taylor announced that the renovation of the Visitors Center's restrooms would begin soon, and it would be a 4-week project with completion before Thanksgiving.

A conversation was had regarding the LED lights at Hancock Park. Mayor Taylor noted Robb Nichols in the audience, and the new CVB is ready to go on January 1st.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Community Development September 2022
 Jameson Kinley, Planning and Zoning Administrator
- Finance and Administration Department September 2022 Allison Martin, Finance Director
- Dahlonega Police Department September 2022 George Albert, Chief of Police
- Public Works—September 2022
 Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer
- 7. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report September 2022 John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

Mayor Taylor asked Council for any questions about the reports.

Council discussed some activities with the Police Department, the Kayak Ramp silt build-up and some water sample processes explained.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

8. UCBI Banking Service Contract Renewal

Allison Martin, Finance Director

Mayor Taylor announced the item.

Director Martin explained that the bank had offered a new rate, and the staff recommended extending this contract.

Mayor Taylor announced that the item would be brought to the next Council meeting.

9. Project # 2022 - 017 Wimpy Mill Road Sidewalk Repair and Replacement

Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager

Mayor Taylor announced the item.

Manager Hunsinger announced that the bid opening was on October 4th. The low bid was \$374,859, and \$120,000 was budgeted for this project. He discussed that funds could be moved for the sidewalk from the picnic area project to the reservoir project. A grant could be applied for in 2025 for future projects.

Council discussed the cost, the location, and the importance of sidewalk safety. There was also a discussion about alternatives.

10. Housing Needs Assessment Update

Jameson Kinley - Planning and Zoning Administrator

Mayor Taylor announced that this item was a pre-quill to the meeting tonight.

Administrator Kinley announced the status of the Assessment. KB Advisory Group will give the presentation at Park and Rec Center. There will be public input afterward.

Mayor Taylor added that there would be several smaller stakeholder meetings after tonight's meeting to understand projections of UNG student attendance over the next several years. Mayor Taylor thanked Administrator Kinley's work on this.

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk Csukas had no additional comments.

Interim City Manager Bill Lewis reminded Council there would be an open house for the Park Street project, including water, sewer, stormwater, paving, and sidewalk. The public input opportunity at Lumpkin County Community Center, 365 Riley Road, on November 9th from 6:30-8:30 pm to answer questions.

City Attorney Parks had no additional comments.

Councilmember Shirley commented on the weekend and saw many city employees downtown.

Councilmember Ariemma commented that there was our fair share of Tourism.

Councilmembers Gaddis, Larson, and Reagin had no additional comments.

Mayor Taylor hoped everyone would attend the event this evening and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor indicated she would entertain a motion to adjourn at 4:41 pm

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley. Voting Yea: Councilmember Larson, Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley



CITY OF DAHLONEGA City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes October 21, 2022, 8:30 AM Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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PRESENT

Mayor ProTempore Ron Larson Councilmember Roman Gaddis Councilmember Ryan Reagin Councilmember Ross Shirley Councilmember Lance Bagley ABSENT Mayor JoAnne Taylor Councilmember Johnny Ariemma

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Larson called for a motion to approve the Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2022-16 / a resolution setting forth the city of Dahlonega's position with regard to the LOST Certificate of Distribution.

Mayor Larson announced the item.

Mayor Larson called for a motion on the item.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve Resolution 2022-16. Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

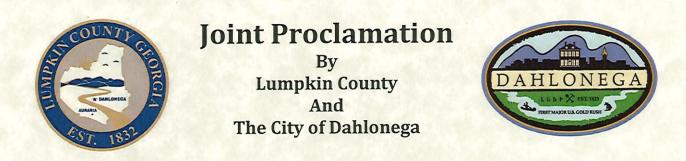
Mayor Larson called for further discussion.

Councilmember Shirley announced his point of view regarding the distribution of LOST. He described the processes taken by City and County to this point. He expressed concern about the outcome financially and the loss of relationships between the City and County. He asked the Council to do what was suitable for the Community. Mayor Larson called for all in favor of the motion. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Bagley Mayor Larson called for those opposed. Voting Nay: Councilmember Shirley Mayor Larson also indicated there were four Councilmembers present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Larson called for a motion to adjourn at 8:36 am

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis. Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley



WHEREAS; the City of Dahlonega and the County of Lumpkin, Georgia maintain their unique and warm sense of community as a community of choice by partnering with public and private entities to provide a safe, diverse, and economically sound environment; and

WHEREAS; the Community Helping Place is the largest outreach program in Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and is committed to providing basic needs such as food, clothing, medical and financial assistance to those Dahlonega and Lumpkin County residents in need, thereby enabling an economically sound environment;

WHEREAS; Dahlonega and Lumpkin County have a month-long Dahlonega Christmas Celebration on their ornament-strewn historic public square that is nationally recognized as a taste of a Norman Rockwell-like Christmas with an Appalachian twist; and

WHEREAS; the Community Helping Place's White Christmas program provides food and toys to neighbors in need during the most festive time of the year; and

WHEREAS; the Community Helping Place has a series of Christmas collectible ornaments that celebrate and commemorate the uniqueness of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and will make them available to all citizens, friends and supporters in an effort to raise funds for Community Helping Place programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County hereby proclaim the Community Helping Place Ornament to be the Official 2022 City of Dahlonega/ Lumpkin County Collectors Ornament.

Lumpkin County Georgia

Chris Dockery, Chairman

Attest:

Melissa Witcher, County Clerk



City of Dahlonega

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Csukas, City Clerk



Ordinances and Resolutions

DATE:	9/12/2022
TITLE:	Ordinance 2022-12: Ordinance to allow for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery.

PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

This ordinance allows for a tour operator to use Mount Hope Cemetery under certain conditions. All tour operators must be approved in advance by the City Council.

This ordinance also outlines certain restricted activities, other limitations, permitted times, fees, tour guide regulations, etc.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

Motion to approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance 2022-12

Ordinance 2022-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 10: CEMETERIES; ARTICLE II: CITY CEMETERIES; DIVISION II: MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY; BY AMENDING THE EXISTING SECTION 10-118 AND INCLUDING A NEW SECTION 10-119 THROUGH 10-130.

Short Title: "An ordinance to allow for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery."

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia desires to allow and to establish rules for commercial walking tours of Mount Hope Cemetery;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, be it ordained, and it is so ordained by the authority of the City Council of Dahlonega, that Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-118 shall be amended, and Sections 10-119-10-130 shall be added to read as follows:

Section 10-118 Approval Required. Any tour operator seeking permission to use the Mount Hope Cemetery property must be approved in advance by the City Council. Tours may be prohibited from certain areas of the cemetery in the discretion of the City Manager or designee. The tour operator shall abide by any direction of the City Manager or designee and the specific conditions enumerated within these regulations.

Section 10-119 Restricted Activities. Athletic events, treasure hunting, scavenger hunting, loud gatherings, and other activities or events determined to be offensive, disrespectful, or disruptive to the dignity and character of the cemetery will not be allowed.

Section 10-120 Limitation to Walking Tours. Cemetery tours may be conducted only by walking. Vehicular tours are prohibited. Interment services and the opening of graves must have priority over tours; therefore, tours shall not operate at times in which graves are being opened or are open or during a period in which active interment services are being prepared for or are being conducted.

Section 10-121 After-Hour Events/Permitted Times

Permission may be requested for after hours tours but only for the hours between 6 pm and 10 pm. All tours must conclude and the premises vacated prior to 10 pm. City staff may join in a tour at any time. Tour guides and tour participants must have flashlights at all times after sunset.

Section 10-122 Cemetery Tour Fees

All walking tour providers must pay an annual fee as established by the Mayor and Council.

Section 10-123 Cemetery Tour Guides

All cemetery tours must have a tour guide who is responsible for the tour party. Tour guides for hire must be appropriately registered in accordance with the City Manager or designee. Tour guides must be familiar with and agree to abide by the rules and regulations that may be adopted by the City Manager or designee and any other applicable laws, ordinances, or rules.

Section 10-124 Alcohol

Alcohol of any type is strictly prohibited from cemetery grounds. Person(s) caught with alcohol and/or intoxicated persons will be asked to leave the cemetery. Guides, organizers, or agency representatives condoning such behavior on cemetery property may be subject to a suspension of services on cemetery grounds.

Section 10-125 Waste Disposal

Each tour or activity must provide its own means of waste disposal. No garbage is to be left on cemetery property. Cigarette butts are undesirable waste and are not to be littered or left on cemetery property.

Section 10-126 Insurance

Insurance as specified by the City Manager or designee must be provided by the walking tour company.

Section 10-127 Restroom Facilities

There are no rest room facilities for tours or groups within the cemeteries. Tour guides and group organizers should encourage guests to use restroom facilities prior to entering the cemetery.

Section 10-128 Damage Reporting

The tour guide or group organizer shall immediately report any damage to trees, shrubbery, turf, coping, lot markers, roadways, or structures caused by guests of the tour to the City Manager or designee. The tour company or group organizer will be responsible for compensating the City for any damages caused to City property.

Section 10-129 Violations

Any tour guide or group organizer that materially violates the Rules and Regulations of Municipal Cemeteries will be prohibited from holding future tours or events in the cemetery. Independent violations of the law will also be prosecuted.

Section 10-130 Signage

Signage shall be maintained at the entrance to Mount Hope Cemetery reflecting that a permit from the City of Dahlonega is required to be obtained by any tour company desiring to use the premises of the cemetery.

Except as modified herein, The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, is hereby reaffirmed and restated. The codifier is hereby granted editorial license to include this amendment in future supplements of said Code by appropriate section, division, article or chapter. The City Attorney is directed and authorized to direct the codifier to make necessary minor, non-substantive corrections

to the provisions of this Code, including but not limited to, the misspelling of words, typographical errors, duplicate pages, incorrect references to state or federal laws, statutes, this Code, or other codes or similar legal or technical sources, and other similar amendments, without necessity of passage of a corrective ordinance or other action of the Mayor and Council. The City Clerk shall, upon the written advice or recommendation of the city attorney and without the necessity of further council action, alter, amend or supplement any non-codified ordinance, resolution or other record filed in his or her office as necessary to effect similar non-substantive changes or revisions and ensure that such public records are correct, complete and accurate.

SO ORDAINED, this ______day of ______, 2022.

Approved: _____

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

_(SEAL)

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR CITY OF DAHLONEGA PERIOD ENDING 08/31/2022 % Fiscal Year Completed: 91.78

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2021-22 YTD BALANCE % BDGT ORIGINAL 08/31/2022 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION BUDGET NORMAL (ABNORMAL) USED Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES 1.783.192.00 1.745.709.28 97.25 1,180,414.72 187,867.42 GENERAL SALES AND USE TAXES SELECTIVE SALES AND USES TAXES 1,116,060.00 225,600.00 105.77 83.27 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES 131,900.00 131,712.50 99.83 555,200.00 600,221.38 **BUSINESS TAXES** 108.11 PENALTIES AND INTEREST 5.200.00 1.722.84 33.13 PERMITS AND FEES 73,100.00 88,091.68 116.32 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 28,646.00 17,092.46 59.67 CHARGES FOR SERVICES 703,800.00 670,697.28 92.92 FINES AND FORFEITURES 181,400.00 208,589.74 100.01 INVESTMENT INCOME 2,800.00 53,498.08 111.85 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 10,000.00 14,068.62 140.69 OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES 20,000.00 7,302.50 36.51 14,865.69 95.91 15,500.00 TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS 61,458.00 56,336.50 47.86 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE 850,626.00 0.00 0.00 TOTAL REVENUES 5,764,482.00 4,978,190.69 82.97 LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE 208,477.00 267,970.00 10,940.00 202,956.80 323,177.95 71.42 94.70 ELECTIONS 16.581.62 75.23 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION 1,000,569.00 87.11 915,060.44 MUNICIPAL COURT 326,866.00 75.04 245,268.96 **CITY MARSHAL** 586,445.00 404,849.80 66.76 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION 284,482.00 158,906.54 55.86 STREETS 1,050,960.00 954,375.98 90.81 MAINTENANCE AND SHOP 102,671.00 97,822.48 89.42 CEMETERY 74,613.00 16,046.38 20.39 PARKS 31,034.00 23,102.61 74.44 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 272,814.00 223,452.45 81.91 NON-DEPARTMENTAL 50,000.00 0.00 0.00 TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS 1,371,920.99 1,496,641.00 91.67 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 5,764,482.00 4,953,523.00 82.49 Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND: 4,978,190.69 82.97 TOTAL REVENUES 5,764,482.00 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 5,764,482.00 4,953,523.00 82.49 **NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES** 0.00 24,667.69 454.37

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Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES INVESTMENT INCOME	. TAX FUND		461,394.00 0.00	59	4,288.99 125.55	
TOTAL REVENUES			461,394.00	59	4,414.54	89.33
PURCHASES/CONTRAC TRANSFERS OUT TO OT			268,404.00 192,990.00		2,194.00 6,907.50	57.26 63.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			461,394.00	39	9,101.50	59.98
Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF REVENUES & EXI			461,394.00 461,394.00 0.00	39	4,414.54 9,101.50 5.313.04	89.33 59.98 100.00
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2021-22 YTD BALANCE % BDGT ORIGINAL 08/31/2022 DESCRIPTION NORMAL (ABNORMAL) GL NUMBER BUDGET USED Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 34,372.07 112.71 102.16 88.80 0.00 5,618.72 20,825.94 5,500.00 5,000.00 INVESTMENT INCOME MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE WATER CHARGES TAP FEES - WATER 3,041,894.00 100,000.00 2,773,887.90 90.45 310,435.00 310.44 SEWER CHARGES 2.110.616.00 1.958,462.02 91.87 TAP FEES - SEWER 100,000.00 304,720.00 304.72 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES 70,800.00 65,993.54 93.21 TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS 1,280,982.00 1,174,233.50 91.67 APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS 240,772.00 0.00 0.00 TOTAL REVENUES 6,955,564.00 6,648,548.69 92.30 SEWER LIFT STATIONS 257,877.00 154,335.30 59.74 SEWER TREATMENT PLANT 722,992.00 603,985.75 80.38 DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION WATER SUPPLY 1,090,820.00 751,727.96 163.421.45 66.25 47.08 343,496.00 2,261,599.00 2,090,780.00 128,000.00 WATER TREATMENT PLANT 1,539,546.58 65.94 CAPITAL OUTLAYS INTERFUND CHARGES OTHER COSTS 1,530,704.69 63.97 117,333.37 0.00 91.67 60,000.00 0.00 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 6,955,564.00 4,861,055.10 65.63 Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND: TOTAL REVENUES 6,955,564.00 6,648,548.69 92.30 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 6,955,564.00 4,861,055.10 65.63 **NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES** 0.00 1,787,493.59 878.88

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		ORIGINAL	08/31/2022	
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	USED
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE CHARGES FOR SERVIC INVESTMENT INCOME MISCELLANEOUS REVE OTHER CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION	ENUE SERVICES	500.00 500.00 0.00 8,000.00 1,003,716.00	325.00 315.54 54.24 6,485.63 958,263.36	65.00 63.11 100.00 81.07 95.47
TOTAL REVENUES		1,012,716.00	965,443.77	95.33
PERSONAL SERVICES A PURCHASES/CONTRAC SUPPLIES INTERFUND CHARGES OTHER COSTS DEBT SERVICE	AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CTED SERVICES	510,863.00 279,358.00 80,600.00 64,000.00 43,909.00 33,986.00	378,346.78 223,435.58 68,647.17 58,666.63 0.00 2,045.04	73.71 80.67 65.64 91.67 0.00 6.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3	1,012,716.00	731,141.20	70.53
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF REVENUES & EX		1,012,716.00 1,012,716.00 0.00	965,443.77 731,141.20 234,302.57	95.33 70.53 977.28

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GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION	2021-22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 08/31/2022 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND INVESTMENT INCOME CAPITAL OUTLAYS OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS STORMWATER UTILITY CHARGES	100.00 0.00 1,000.00 1,146,869.00 338,580.00	386.05 85,000.00 1,482.93 1,051,296.62 324,584.75	109.36 100.00 57.04 91.67 95.87
TOTAL REVENUES	1,486,549.00	1,462,750.35	92.97
PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES SUPPLIES CAPITAL OUTLAYS INTERFUND CHARGES OTHER COSTS	76,154.00 77,910.00 32,000.00 815,885.00 484,600.00 0.00	62,798.78 3,455.65 0.00 476,720.96 444,216.63 3,000.00	82.46 4.24 0.00 35.40 91.67 100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,486,549.00	990,192.02	48.92
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND: TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	1,486,549.00 1,486,549.00 0.00	1,462,750.35 990,192.02 472,558.33	92.97 48.92 104.84
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	16,003,703.00 16,003,703.00 0.00	14,957,664.55 12,165,796.66 2,791,867.89	88.99 69.35 380.75

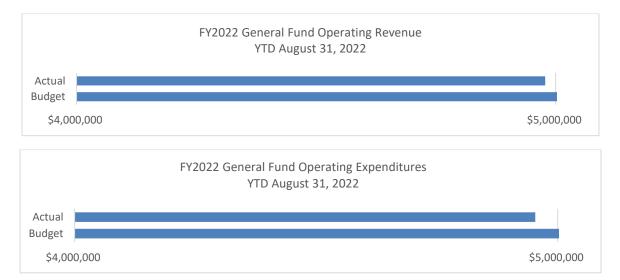
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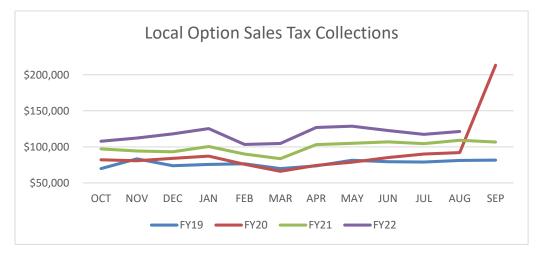
CITY OF DAHLONEGA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the Ten Months Ended August 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND



- The annual property tax bills were levied and mailed by the Tax Commissioner on October 1st with a due date of December 1st. To date, 100% of the 2021 taxes budgeted have been collected.
- Sales tax collections remain strong. The change in the State law related to internet sales taxation has continued to positively impact our collections.



- The annual revenue for Insurance Premium Tax is \$436,601 this year, which is 3.3% greater than received last fiscal year.
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax and License revenue collected year-to-date is slightly increased from the prior year.
- Permit revenue collected year-to-date is slightly above last year's collections.
- Department expenditures are in line with budget expectations.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

• Operational results are on track with the budget.

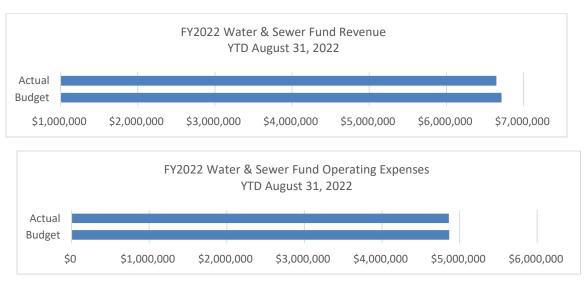
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

• Tax revenue collections experienced a sharp decline in April 2020 with the onset of the Pandemic. Beginning in September 2020, collections have remained higher than in previous years. FY22 is 40.70% more than FY21 and is 69.04% higher than pre-pandemic collections. There are two factors for the increase above pre-pandemic levels. One is the change to the law regarding collection by third-party online booking agencies, the other is the new hotel.



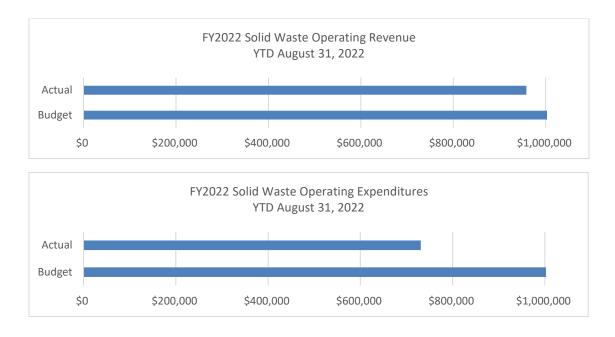
WATER AND SEWER FUND

- Water and sewer sales are trending along with budget projections. Revenue from water sales and sewer charges is 2.21% more than last year.
- All department expenses are in line with the budget.



SOLID WASTE FUND

- Refuse Collection Charges are Revenues are 1.16% greater than the prior year.
- Expenses are meeting budget expectations.



STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

- Transfers In and Indirect Charges reflect an eleven-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.



(Prepared for Council and Management by Allison Martin 10/29/2022)



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE:October 28, 2022TITLE:2023 Employee Benefits ProgramPRESENTED BY:Allison Martin, Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

2023 Employee Benefits Program

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

Each year the City reviews the employee benefits offerings and costs and develops a benefits package designed to improve the health and well-being of the employee and the employee's family while at the same time being affordable to the employee and to the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The initial offering from GMA on our existing health insurance plan reflected a 20% increase. Staff requested MSI put out a renewal to the market which yielded a lower renewal offer but had no rate guarantee after year 1. Staff communicated directly with GMA to assure them of administrative changes to policies and procedures and asked for a review of the offering. At the direction of the council, we also went back to GMA/MSI and told them that we would like to hold the employee deductions given the current inflationary environment. GMA looked at our data and discovered that on average only ~10 employees meet their deductible annually. GMA's recommendation to keep comparable plans within our budget, and the employee contribution stable, is to increase the deductible as shown on the final rate document and increase copays by \$5. We were able to preserve the prescription benefit. Last week, the final offering was received, and it resulted in a 4.42% increase to the city which is well within the 8% we budgeted for the insurance renewal. This renewal has the employee covering 22.96% of dependent coverage and 9.17% of employee-only coverage.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff's recommendation is to approve the renewal offered by GMA.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to approve the 2023 Employee Benefits package as offered by GMA.

ATTACHMENTS:

GMA Initial Renewal Letter GMA Agreement GMA Final Rate Offering



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Dear Ms. Bruce:

Each year, the actuary reviews the premium levels and plan designs offered by the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Life and Health Insurance Fund to determine if rates are sufficient to support claims and medical cost trends.

Both the current rates for 2022 and the new rates for 2023 are shown below as well as a summary of the plan design updates. The new premium rates will appear on your January 2023 premium invoice, which will be mailed on or around December 27, 2022. Dental premium rates, if applicable to your city, will not increase in 2023. Vision premium rates will reflect a decrease of 8.5%.

Premium Rate Information

POS 90/70 - 1500

and the		Employee Only	Employee + Family	Employee + Spouse Only	Employee + Children Only
ffin	Current Rates				
	Base Rate:	\$867.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,734.00	\$1,648.00
amilla	Commission:	\$34.68	\$104.00	\$69.36	\$65.92
	Total Current Rate:	\$901.68	\$2,704.00	\$1,803.36	\$1,713.92
	New Rates				
	Base Rate:	\$1,040.00	\$3,120.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,977.00
1	Commission:	\$41.60	\$124.80	\$83.20	\$79.08
	Total New Rate:	\$1,081.60	\$3,244.80	\$2,163.20	\$2,056.08

POS 90/70 - 750

	Employee Only	Employee + Family	Employee + Spouse Only	Employee + Children Only
Current Rates				
Base Rate:	\$933.00	\$2,798.00	\$1,866.00	\$1,774.00
Commission:	\$37.32	\$111.92	\$74.64	\$70.96
Total Current Rate:	\$970.32	\$2,909.92	\$1,940.64	\$1,844.96
New Rates				
Base Rate:	\$1,120.00	\$3,358.00	\$2,240.00	\$2,129.00
Commission:	\$44.80	\$134.32	\$89.60	\$85.16
Total New Rate:	\$1,164.80	\$3,492.32	\$2,329.60	\$2,214.16

<u>IMPORTANT Update regarding Open Enrollment:</u> Please note that Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., ("GMA"), the Program Administrator of the GMEBS Health Plan, is moving the Open Enrollment period in 2022 for plan year 2023 to the following dates:

08/02/2022

GMA's electronic open enrollment processes for employers continue as we are taking steps to reduce paper forms and mailings. This year, GMA will mail open enrollment documents <u>only</u> to enrolled retirees and individuals on COBRA. <u>Participating Employers must deliver open</u> <u>enrollment documents to all eligible employees, whether or not enrolled, in accordance with the Employer Instructions.</u> In many cases, the delivery may be done by email. As the designated primary contact, you will be required to affirm in writing that you will distribute the documents in accordance with the Employer Instructions.

GMA will take the actions below to limit the document obligations for Participating Employers:

- GMA will prepare an Annual Open Enrollment Package that meets disclosure requirements under several different laws. This Package includes materials to distribute to <u>all eligible</u> <u>employees</u> (whether they are already enrolled or not) as well as important Employer Instructions and an Employer Affirmation.
- The Annual Open Enrollment Notice explains how to enroll or change elections during Open Enrollment, includes Legal Notices for 2023, explains how to find and print the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage from the GMA website, and states that free printed copies of the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage are available upon request.
- The Employer Instructions explain what the benefits contact at each Participating Employer must do at the following times in order to comply with applicable laws and avoid significant penalties:
 - At the beginning of Open Enrollment (No later than October 31, 2022);
 - When an employee becomes newly eligible in the middle of the year due to hire or change to a position that results in new eligibility;
 - When an employee who declined coverage enrolls mid-year due to a special enrollment event;
 - When any employee or dependent asks for a paper copy of the current Legal Notices or a Summary of Benefits and Coverage.
- GMA will require every Participating Employer to make an Employer Affirmation to affirm that it will distribute the enrollment materials in accordance with the Employer Instructions.
- GMA will send the Annual Open Enrollment package via US Mail to the address on file for all COBRA participants and enrolled retirees.
- GMA will continue to provide free printed copies of the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage if any individual calls GMA to request them.

On or before Friday, October, 21, 2022, GMA will do the following:

- Email you the Annual Open Enrollment Package, the Employer Instructions, the Employer Affirmation, the Uniform Glossary of Coverage, and PDF versions of the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage for the plan options you offer and the Uniform Glossary of Coverage
- Post the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage, the updated Schedules of Benefits, the Uniform Glossary, and the Legal Notices 2023 on the GMA website.

The following contact list is provided for your convenience. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the following GMA staff:

Renewal Rates / Plan Addition or Change:

Denise Joyce, Director, Life and Health Insurance Services, 678-686-6231 or <u>dioyce@gacities.com</u> Dagmar Wuertzen, Health Benefits Specialist, 678-686-6298 or <u>dwuertzen@gacities.com</u>

Assistance with scheduling Open Enrollment meetings: Kiara Dyson, Life & Health Services Manager, 678-651-1032 or kdyson@gacities.com

Benefit Plan / Eligibility / Open Enrollment questions and/or forms: Life and Health Hotline, 678-651-1039 or lifeandhealthadministration@gacities.com

Lastly, we want to express our appreciation to all of our members for your continued support of the GMEBS Life and Health Program. The GMEBS Board and GMA leadership recognize that many of our members continue to face budgetary challenges. As a result, every attempt was made with this renewal to limit rate increases to the membership. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Denise Joyce Director, Life & Health Services

FOR GMEBS USE ONLY

DECLARATION EFFECTIVE DATE

1/1/2023

GMEBS LIFE & HEALTH PROGRAM EMPLOYER DECLARATION & APPLICATION EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL & VISION BENEFITS DAHLONEGA

NOTE TO EMPLOYER: THIS FORM DESIGNATES GMEBS HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS THAT YOU REQUEST BE MADE AVAILABLE, THE POSITIONS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH BENEFITS, AND THE EXTENT THE BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE TO DEPENDENTS. TO BECOME EFFECTIVE, THIS DECLARATION MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR GOVERNING AUTHORITY, AND BY THE GMEBS LIFE & HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR. UPON SUCH APPROVAL, THIS DECLARATION WILL REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE ANY PRIOR EMPLOYER DECLARATION ON FILE WITH THE GMEBS LIFE & HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR. IF YOU WISH TO OFFER HEALTH / DENTAL COVERAGE FOR RETIREES, YOU MUST APPROVE A SEPARATE RETIREE DECLARATION.

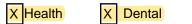
ELECTIONS MADE IN THIS DOCUMENT MAY OR MAY NOT RESULT IN PENALTIES IF YOU ARE AN APPLICABLE LARGE EMPLOYER ("ALE ") UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ("ACA"). IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY ABOUT WHETHER YOU ARE AN APPLICABLE LARGE EMPLOYER AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ELECTIONS. REGARDLESS OF YOUR SIZE, BY EXECUTING THIS DECLARATION, YOU CERTIFY THAT YOU WILL NOT IMPOSE ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS THAT ARE NOT SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT, OR IMPOSE A LONGER WAITING PERIOD THAN IS SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, IF YOU ARE AN APPLICABLE LARGE EMPLOYER, YOU MAY INCUR ACA PENALTIES IF: 1) YOU DO NOT IDENTIFY ALL "FULL TIME EMPLOYEES" AS DEFINED BY THE ACA AND OFFER THEM HEALTH COVERAGE; 2) YOU DO NOT OFFER HEALTH COVERAGE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN; OR 3) YOU DO NOT SUBSIDIZE HEALTH COVERAGE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE COST OF EMPLOYEE-ONLY HEALTH COVERAGE AFFORDABLE (AS DEFINED BY THE ACA).

SECTION 1. ELIGIBLE POSITIONS; TYPE OF BENEFITS REQUESTED

1A. <u>**Regular Employees**</u>– The Employer requests the following benefits for all Regular Employees (as defined below).

Regular Employees: A Regular Employee who resides in the United States, and is employed in a salaried or hourly rated position that requires 30 Hours of Service per week or more and is expected to last at least 48 weeks. An Hour of Service is an hour for which an employee is paid, or is entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the employer, and each hour for which an employee is paid, or entitled to payment, due to vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity (including disability), layoff, jury duty, military duty or leave of absence.

Vision



1B. <u>Elected or Appointed Members of the Governing Authority</u> – The Employer requests the following benefits for all active elected or appointed members of the Employer's Governing Authority. This would include the Chief Legal Officer, Associate Legal Officer and Municipal Judges unless identified as being excluded by Employer below.

excluded by Employer below	Ν.		
	Health	Dental	Vision
Exclude from Benefits: (E	MPLOYER FI	LL IN BOX WITH "	X")
Chief Legal Offic	er 🗌 Ass	ociate Legal Officer	Municipal Judges
1C. [For ALE's only - Part	icipating Empl	oyers that are ALE's	s may determine that certain workers who d

1C. [For ALE's only - Participating Employers that are ALE's may determine that certain workers who do not meet the definition of a Regular Employee above are "ACA Full-Time Employees." For example, an Employer might determine that a newly hired employee in a nine-month position that requires 30 Hours of Service per week is an ACA Full-Time Employee. For coverage in calendar years 2015 and later, Participating Employers that are ALE's may offer the coverage elected in 1A to anyone it determines to be an ACA Full-Time Employee.]

SECTION 2. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY WAITING PERIOD

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Individuals who are hired or take office into an Eligible position after the Employer's effective date of group health/dental coverage are eligible to enroll for such coverage on the first day of the calendar month following or coinciding with the date that they complete the following number of days of continuous, active service in an Eligible position.

X 30	45	60
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Those rehired into an Eligible position are not subject to a waiting period unless rehired after 13 consecutive weeks without an Hour of Service.

[For ALE's only - The waiting period elected above applies for any newly hired workers the Employer identifies as being "ACA Full-Time Employees" pursuant to Section 1.C. If the Employer determines a worker to be an ACA Full-Time Employee based on Hours of Service during an initial measurement period, the waiting period: 1) starts at the end of the initial measurement period, and 2) must be shortened as needed for coverage to be effective no later than 13 months from the date of hire (or the first day of the following month if the worker did not start on the first day of the month.)]

Note: The Employer's waiting period must be the same for all GMEBS Life & Health Program coverages offered by the Employer (i.e., health, dental, life, short term disability, etc.) There will be no exceptions to waiting period unless Employer submits documentation waiving the stated waiting period.

SECTION 3. EMPLOYER HEALTH PLAN ELECTION

If the "Health" box for any Employee position in Section 1A or 1B above is checked, the boxes checked below indicate the Health Plan option(s) and deductibles requested and coverage for dependents:

	Plan Name/Deductible	Employee	Employee + Spouse	Employee + Child	Family
х	POS 80/60 1500	х	Х	х	х
х	POS 80/60 3000	х	Х	х	х

SECTION 4. EMPLOYER DENTAL PLAN ELECTION If the "Dental" box for any Employee position in Section 1A or 1B above is checked, the box checked below indicates whether coverage is requested for eligible dependents.

Employee Only

X Employee + Dependents (spouse and children)

SECTION 5. EMPLOYER VISION PLAN ELECTION

If the "Vision" box for any Employee position in Section 1A or 1B above is checked, the boxes checked below indicates whether coverage is requested for eligible dependents:

No Vision Coverage

SECTION 6. EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE – Please list by title or position the person designated by the Employer to represent the Employer in all communications with GMEBS and the Program Administrator concerning the GMEBS Life & Health Program: <u>Ms. Tammy Bruce</u>

The Employer may identify in writing to the Program Administrator an additional agent or authorized representative (such as an insurance broker) as being authorized to receive communications, including enrollment information for billing purposes.

SECTION 7. EMPLOYER ADOPTION - The Employer acknowledges that this Employer Declaration and Application will not become effective unless and until it is approved by the GMEBS Life & Health Program Administrator, and that upon such approval this Employer Declaration and Application will replace and supersede any prior Employer Declaration and Application concerning health and dental coverage for employees that is on file with the GMEBS Life & Health Program Administrator. The Employer further acknowledges that GMEBS' approval of this Employer Declaration and Application is contingent upon the Employer having adopted the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement, as amended.

- By electing Vision Coverage, Employer is electing to participate in the Master Policy for Anthem Vision Coverage held by GMEBS (the Policyholder.)
- The eligibility and waiting period provisions elected above are incorporated by reference in this Vision Participation Agreement.
- Employer shall fulfill the obligations of the "group" or the "employer" set forth in the Vision Coverage Certificate.
- The Employer affirms that it will not offer any other vision coverage while offering Vision Coverage through GMEBS.
- If the Employer engages in fraudulent conduct or misrepresentations when requesting or offering Vision Coverage, Anthem has the right to rescind, cancel or terminate the Employer's participation in the Anthem Vision Coverage effective on the date of the fraudulent conduct or misrepresentation, regardless of the date of Anthem's discovery of such conduct. The Employer shall be liable to Anthem for any and all payments made or losses or damages sustained by Anthem arising as a result of such conduct.
- In the event the Employer has failed to provide to Anthem's satisfaction, any information requested by Anthem, Anthem may terminate the Employer's participation in Vision Coverage upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- If the Employer fails to timely notify the Life & Health Program Administrator of an employee or dependent's loss of eligibility, and Anthem is unable to recover claim amounts paid to an ineligible individual, the Employer shall be liable to reimburse Anthem for all unrecovered claim amounts paid.
- Employer agrees not to impede any individual enrolled in Employer's Vision Coverage from performing his or her obligations under the Certificate of Coverage, and agrees to assist such individuals in performing their obligations.

Approved by the Mayor and Council/Commission of the City of <u>DAHLONEGA</u>, Georgia this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Attest:

CITY OF _____,GEORGIA

Signature of City Clerk

Signature of Mayor

Print Name of City Clerk (SEAL) Print Name of Mayor

Please do not write below this line (for GMEBS USE ONLY)

The terms of the foregoing Employer Declaration and Application are approved by the GMEBS Life & Health Program Administrator this _____ day of _____, 20____, 20____. Subject to the applicable terms of the GMEBS Life and Health Program Participation Agreement and the Plan(s), the effective date of the coverages (or any change in coverage) as reflected in this Employer Declaration and Application will be the date shown under "Declaration Effective Date" on the first page of this form.

GMEBS LIFE & HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR By:_____

City of Dahlonega 1/1/2023 Renewal

			Cur	rent	Renewal	Renewal -Option 2		
Premiums		\$1,500	\$750	\$3,000	\$1,500			
Employee	LOW 8	HIGH 6	901.68	970.32	938.08	994.24		
Employee + Spouse	10	2	1,803.36	1,940.64	1,876.16	1,988.48		
Employee + Child(ren)	6	0	1,713.92	1,844.96	1,782.56	1,889.68		
Employee + Family 6 Waive	7	0	2,704.00	2,909.92	2,812.16	2,980.64		
Annual Total		39		\$769,941		\$799,069		
						3.78%		
In-network			OAPOS	OAPOS	OAPOS	OAPOS		
Deductible			\$1,500	\$750 (\$2,250 Family)	\$3,000	\$1,500 (\$4,500 Family)		
Coinsurance			90%	90%	80%	80%		
PCP Co-pay			\$35	\$25	\$40	\$40		
Specialist Co-pay			\$45	\$35	\$50	\$50		
Emergency Room			\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
Urgent Care			\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60		
Out-of-pocket			\$4,000 (\$8,000 Family)	\$2,500 (\$5,000 Family)	\$6,500	\$5,000 (\$10,000 Family)		
Outpatient Surgery			Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.		
Inpatient Hospitalization			Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.	Ded. / Coin.		
Prescription								
	Tier 1 - (Generic:	\$10 Generic	\$10 Generic	\$10 Generic	\$10 Generic		
Т	ier 2 - Fo	rmulary	\$35 Formulary	\$35 Formulary	\$35 Formulary	\$35 Formulary		
Tier 3	- Non-Fo	ormulary	\$60 Non-Formulary	\$60 Non-Formulary	\$60 Non-Formulary	\$60 Non-Formulary		
Rx Out-of-pocket			\$1,600 (\$3,200 Family)	\$1,600 (\$3,200 Family)	\$1,600 (\$3,200 Family)	\$1,600 (\$3,200 Family)		
Employee Contri	butions		Semi-r	Semi-monthly		monthly		
Employee	8	6	43.00	67.96	43.00	71.08		
Employee + Spouse	10	2	150.51	200.43	150.51	206.67		
Employee + Child(ren)	6	0	139.98	186.78	139.98	193.54		
Employee + Family	7	0	258.15	331.99	258.15	342.39		
Total Monthly Deductions			\$8,992	\$1,617	\$8,992	\$1,680		
Annual Dedu	iction	IS		\$127,315		\$128,064		
Net Cost to	o City			\$642,626		\$671,005		
						4.42%		

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Percentage	paid by City	Percentag	e paid by City
Employee	90.46%	Employee	90.83%
Dependent	76.13%	Dependent	77.04%



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE:October 28, 2022TITLE:Proposed Construction Easement Pinetree WayPRESENTED BY:Allison Martin, Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Lumpkin County has requested a construction easement for the enhancement of Pinetree Way because of the new elementary school project.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

The county and school system are making improvements to a city street due to their construction projects. Since Pinetree Way is a city street a temporary construction easement has been requested since non-city funds are being spent on the project. This item was presented at a past work session, but the documents were unable to be finalized prior to the council's next meeting. It is presented now as documents are final and the project is moving forward.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact on the city's operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The city's legal counsel has approved the form and the county's engineer has reviewed the form. Staff recommends approval of this request.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to approve the temporary construction easement for Pinetree Way.

ATTACHMENTS:

Construction Easement

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After Recording Return To:

STATE OF GEORGIA, LUMPKIN COUNTY.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

THIS INDENTURE made this ______ day of October, 2022, between **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**, hereinafter called the Grantor, as Party of the First Part, and **LUMPKIN COUNTY**, hereinafter called the Grantee, as Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH:

That the Grantor for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of this instrument, has granted and conveyed unto the Grantee, a temporary construction easement over, through and across the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 998 of the 12th District, 1st Section of Lumpkin County, Georgia, being in the City of Dahlonega, containing 0.73 acres, more or less, described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Easterly right-of-way of the East Dahlonega Bypass and the Northern right-of-way line of Pinetree Way, having a right-of-way width of forty (40) feet, said point also being the most Western corner of a 2.194 acre tract conveyed to Lumpkin County Commission of Georgia¹ dated September 15, 1992; thence South 67°31'19" East along said Northern right-of-way line 797.96 feet to the terminus of Pinetree Way; thence South 22°16'00" West along

¹Subject to final judgement in the case of Lumpkin County v. City of Dahlonega, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Georgia; and any and all persons who claim or might claim an interest adverse to Petitioner's title to all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 998 of the 12th District, 1st Section of Lumpkin County, Georgia, and being further described in Plat Book 24, Page 174, Lumpkin County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

said terminus 40.0 feet to the Southern right-of-way line of Pinetree Way; thence North 67°31'19" West along said Southern right-of-way line 801.16 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of the East Dahlonega Bypass; thence Northerly along said Easterly right-of-way line 40 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This is the same property described in that Warranty Deed of Public Dedication recorded in Deed Book L-11, Page 141, Lumpkin County Records.

Grantee shall have the right to construct improvements over, through and across the above-described property in accordance with the Pinetree Way/Memorial Dr Road Widening plans prepared by Lumpkin County Engineering dated May 10, 2021, as revised July 12, 2022, consisting of Sheet C-001 through Sheet C-006.

This easement is a temporary construction easement and shall automatically terminate upon the completion of the above-described improvements or December 31, 2023, whichever occurs first.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this easement the day and year above written.

CITY OF DAHLONEGA By:

_____(SEAL)

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

____(SEAL)

Mary Csukas, Clerk

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public	
My Commission Expires:	

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WARRANTY DEED OF PUBLIC DEDICATION

LUMPKIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS INDENTURE, made as of the <u>26th</u> day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two, between BURLINGTON INDUSTRIES, INC., domiciled in the County of Lumpkin, State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as party of the first part (Grantor), and CITY OF DAHLONEGA, being domiciled in the County of Lumpkin, State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as party of the second part (Grantee).

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, all its interest in, together with all access rights except for curb cuts now in use, to:

All that tract of land lying and being in Land Lot 998 of the Lith District and 1st Section of the City of Dahlonega, Lumpkin County, Georgia, containing 0.73 acres, more or less,

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Easterly right-of-way of the East Dahlonega Bypass and the Northern right-ofof-way of the East Dahlonega Bypass and the Northern right-of-way line of a proposed street, having a right-of-way width of forty (40) feet, said point also being the most Western corner of a 2.194 acre tract conveyed to the Lumpkin County Commission of Georgia by Deed dated August 1, 1992; thence South 67°31'19" East along said Northern right-of-way line South 22°16'00" West along said terminus 40.0 feet to the North 67°31'19" West along said terminus 40.0 feet to the North 67°31'19" West along said Southern right-of-way line 61.16 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of the East of-way line 40 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Subject tract is to be used as a public right-of-way only for

The above-described tract of land is conveyed in such "as is" condition as the property may be in at the time of closing, and also conveyed subject to all covenants, restrictions and easements of record and easements for streets and utilities, if any, applicable to said property and zoning

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City Council Agenda Memo

DATE:11/7/2022TITLE:Project # 2022-017 Wimpy Mill Road Sidewalk Repair and ReplacementPRESENTED BY:Vince Hunsinger, Capital Projects Manager

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Placement of 24' curb and gutter and minimum 5' sidewalk on Wimpy Mill Road beginning just North of Sims Townhomes and ending at Golden Hills.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

Bid Opening was October 4, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Lowest bid received for this project was \$374,859. The 2022 budgeted amount for this project was \$120,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

This low bid is over three times our budgeted amount. If Council wants to move forward with this project, funds will need to be reallocated and another project and that will need to be delayed. There is \$185,000 budgeted for the sidewalk from the Wimpy Mill Bridge to Morrison Moore. There is \$73,000 in FY2022 escrow for the sidewalk from the Wimpy Mill Bridge to Morrison Moore. If this project is cancelled, in 2025 the City can apply for an RPT Grant to reconsider the sidewalk from the Wimpy Mill Bridge to Morrison Moore. This would be a way to pay for the 2022-017 Wimpy Mill Road Sidewalk Repair and Replacement.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

City Council will decide if we are adjusting/reallocating our current budget and spending money on this project or if we will choose to delay this project until the price of material and labor comes back down to previously estimated costs or the budget is adjusted for FY2024 to match current market prices to complete this project.

ATTACHMENTS:



Public Notice 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Dahlonega City Council will hold the Regular Council Meeting on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm except for January, July, September, and October. The month of January will be held Tuesday due to a State Holiday observance by Chief Judge Raymond E. George. The months of July and September will be held on the following Tuesday due to the holiday.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Monday, February 6, 2023 Monday, March 6, 2023 Monday, April 3, 2023 Monday, May 1, 2023 Monday, June 5, 2023 Monday, July 3, 2023 Monday, August 7, 2023 Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Labor Day Monday, October 2, 2023 Monday, November 6, 2023 Monday, December 4, 2023

The City of Dahlonega **Downtown Development Authority's** regular meetings is held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 am. The meetings for the Downtown Development Authority:

Thursday, January 5, 2023 Thursday, February 2, 2023 Thursday, March 2, 2023 Thursday, April 6, 2023 Thursday, May 4, 2023 Thursday, June 1, 2023 Thursday, July 6, 2023 Thursday, August 3, 2023 Thursday, September 7, 2023 Thursday, October 5, 2023 Thursday, November 2, 2023 Thursday, December 7, 2023

The City of Dahlonega **Historic Preservation Commission** Work Session is held on the second Wednesday of each month, and the Regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month; both are held at 6:00 pm, and exception dates are underlined. The meeting dates for the Historic Preservation Commission 2023 are listed below.

	Work Session	Regular Meetings
*	Wednesday, January 11th	Monday, January 23 rd
*	Wednesday, February 8 th	Monday, February 27 th
*	Wednesday, March 8 th	Monday, March 27 th
*	Wednesday, April 12 th	Monday, April 24 th
*	Wednesday, May 10 th	Monday, May 22 nd
*	Wednesday, June 14th	Monday, June 26 th
*	Wednesday, July 12 th	Monday, July 24 th
*	Wednesday, August 9 th	Monday, August 28 th
*	Wednesday, September 13 th	Monday, September 25 th
*	Wednesday, October 11 th	Monday, October 23 rd
*	Wednesday, November 8 th	Monday, November 27 th
*	Wednesday, December 13 th	Monday, December 18 th

The Dahlonega City Council will hold a Work Session on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. The January Work Sessions will be held on the following Tuesday due to a holiday. The Work Sessions are open meetings. However, there will be no designated time for public comment. The meetings for the Work Session:

> Tuesday, January 17, 2023- Martin Luther King Monday, February 20, 2023 Monday, March 20, 2023 Monday, April 17, 2023 Monday, May 15, 2023 Monday, June 19, 2023 Monday, July 17, 2023 Monday, August 21, 2023 Monday, August 21, 2023 Monday, September 18, 2023 Monday, November 21, 2023 Monday, November 21, 2023

The City of Dahlonega **Planning Commission's** regular meetings is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The months of January, July, and September will be held on the following Wednesday due to the holiday. The meetings for the Planning Commission:

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Tuesday, February 7, 2023 Tuesday, March 7, 2023 Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Tuesday, May 2, 2023 Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Wednesday, July 5, 2023- Fourth of July Tuesday, August 1, 2023 Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Wednesday, November 8, 2023- Election Tuesday, December 5, 2023

- The Regular Council meetings are open public meetings and will have a designated time for public comments.
- The City Council may meet in Executive Sessions, closed to the public, as part of Regular and Special Called meetings for purposes of discussing specific real estate, personnel, and legal matters limited by law. Final actions from Executive Sessions occur in open meetings.
- Special called meetings of the Council, the Board of Zoning Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission may be called as needed and require separate advance notice.
- Cancellations of any of the meetings mentioned above will be posted on the City of Dahlonega website <u>www.dahlonega.gov</u>, on the bulletin board outside the front door of City Hall and sent to the Dahlonega Nugget.



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE:October 27, 2022TITLE:2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal ProcessPRESENTED BY:Mary Csukas, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Presently renewal of alcoholic beverage applications for 2023 is managed at the Georgia Department of Revenue's new centralized alcohol application portal. This new system uniformly submits all local and state retail alcohol applications through the <u>Georgia Tax Center</u> (GTC). The City of Dahlonega requires all applications for retail or consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage licenses to use the Alcohol Portal associated with the Georgia Department of Revenue under the Georgia Tax Center for new and renewed alcoholic beverage licenses. Applicants upload the application and accompanying documents to the GTC site for review by the City staff. Payments are accepted at City Hall or on the Alcohol Portal.

Local merchants and restaurant owners are collaborating with staff to understand and use this new process which has been difficult in these beginning stages. But as of this week, the kinks are out of the systems, and applications, supporting documents, and payments are showing in the centralized alcohol application portal available to the City Clerk's office for review and process.

The transition from our old process of the paper applications at City Hall to this centralized system is like night and day for staff, in a positive way. We are still in the learning process this year with great support from our merchants, restaurant owners, and the team at GTC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends suspension of late fees associated with the renewal of an alcoholic beverage license for Consumption on Premise (October 31, 2022) for a Retail (November 15, 2022) until December 1, 2022.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to approve the suspension of late fees associated with the 2023 renewal of an alcoholic beverage license for consumption on-premises and retail license until December 1, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: