



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

January 06, 2020 6:00 PM

PRESENT Mayor Sam Norton Council Member Roman Gaddis Council Member Mitchell Ridley Council Member Ron Larson Council Member JoAnne Taylor Council Member Helen Hardman Council Member Johnny Ariemma	PRESENT City Manager Bill Schmid City Clerk Mary Csukas Director Melody Marlowe Director Mark Buchanan Superintendent John Jarrard	Present City Attorney Doug Parks Director Shannon Ferguson DDA Program Assistant Cari McDuffie
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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton Called the Meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Norton asked Council Member Mitchell Ridley to lead the Council in prayer and Council Member Ron Larson to lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk, Mary Csukas asked the newly elected officials, Ms. JoAnne Taylor, Mr. Ron Larson and Mr. Johnny Ariemma to read with Ms. Csukas their Oath of Office. Upon completion of the Oath of Office, each newly elected official signed their Oath of Office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton motioned to amend and approve the agenda to include Resolution 2020-02 Downtown Development Authority By-Laws and the Joint Lumpkin County-City of Dahlonega Proclamation for out-going Chair of the Board of Directors for the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber, Brandy Thomas.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Larson

Voting Yea: Council Member Hoffman, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Hardman, and Council Member Johnny Ariemma

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

No comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sam Norton called for a motion of approval for the Special Called Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2019, Regular Council Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2019, and Special Called Meeting Minutes December 19, 2019, as presented with no changes.

Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, and Council Member Johnny Ariemma.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Norton called for approval of Joint Lumpkin County-City of Dahlonega Proclamation for out-going Chair of the Board of Directors for the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber, Brandy Thomas. Mayor Norton thanked Ms. Brandy Thomas her dedication and service as the Chairperson of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber.

Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, and Council Member Johnny Ariemma.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION:

- 1 Ordinance 2020-05 – State Standards Adoption for Construction – Mark Buchanan, Public Works
Mayor Norton called for clarification of Ordinance 2019-29, an update of the construction standards for the State of Georgia. Mr. Parks explained that this Ordinance will be accepted as presented except for the Ordinance to be Ordinance 2020-05, as it is being adopted in 2020. Mayor Norton called for approval of Ordinance 2020-05, State Standards Adoption for Construction.

Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Larson.

Council Member Ariemma asked for clarification of Ordinance 2020-05. Mr. Parks stated that we adopt these codes as they are adopted by the State of Georgia.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

- 2 Resolution 2020-01 – Support the Planned Tourism Board – Bill Schmid, City Manager
Mayor Norton called for approval of Resolution 2020-01, to support the Planned Tourism Board.

Motion made by Council Member Hardman, Seconded by Council Member Ridley.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

- 3 Resolution 2020-02 – Support the Downtown Development Authority By-laws – Bill Schmid, City Manager
Mayor Norton called for approval of Ordinance 2020-02, Support of the Downtown Development Authority By-Laws.

Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

City Manager Schmid reminded Mayor and Council the motion is to approve Resolution 2020-02 not Ordinance 2020-02. Council and Mayor stated the motion was for Resolution 2020-02, as shown by the document given to each person.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3 Update to 2018 RTP Grant- Mark Buchanan, Public Works

Director Herrit informed Council, this is a request to increase funding for the Recreation Trails Program Grant at the Wimpy Mill Picnic Area, with TSLOST funds in the amount of \$295,000. Council Member Ariemma asked for clarification of the funding date of the RTP Grant. Director Herrit informed Council that the requested funds for this project must be used by the date of 12.31.2020 or inform DNR that the funds will be not be allocated. Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve the RTP Grant.

Motion made by Council Member Gaddis, Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

- 4 Achasta Lift Station Rehabilitation Bids & Recommendation – John Jarrard, Superintendent

John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director reminded Council and Mayor that the budget for this project was \$450,000. Winning bid was from Cedar Farms & Construction for \$424,659.70.

Council Ariemma asked for clarification of this project. Director Jarrard informed Council and Mayor that this is a 20-year-old lift station and this project will update and refit the station with a better-quality pump. Director Jarrard informed Council that this was the third of five lift stations that have been rehabilitated with the use of budgeted money. Council Member Taylor asked if these updated pumps assisted with staff time and training. Director Jarrard informed Council these stations will allow staff to learn and work on type of pump. Mayor Norton called for a motion to approve Achasta Lift Station Rehabilitation Bids & Recommendation.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Hardman.

Council Member Gaddis reminded Council and Mayor that this vote did include a Resolution that needed number clarification. Ms. Csukas stated the vote is for Resolution 2020-06 – Contract Award of

construction contract to the low bidder Cedar Farms Construction Inc. \$424,659.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson

- 5 Occupancy Agreement for City County Building with the Chamber of Commerce – Bill Schmid, City Manager

City Manager, Schmid informed Council and Mayor that the agreement discussions were progressing with Robb Nichols, Chamber President, Sam McDuffie, Tourism Director and Stan Kelly, County Manager and this item will be presented again later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6 Mayor Pro Tempore – Sam Norton, Mayor

Mayor Norton thanked Council Member Larson for his service as Mayor Pro Tempore and asked for Council to make a motion to approve Council Member Gaddis as the new Mayor Pro Tempore.

Motion made by Council Member Ridley, Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

- 7 Financial Report - November 2019 - Melody Marlowe, Finance

Director Marlowe informed Council of the updated format of the report and of a correction on page 2 of the water sewer funds the second chart should water sewer funds not general funds.

Mayor Norton asked Council of any questions pertaining to this report, this is not an action item on our agenda. Council Member Ariemma asked for clarification of the budget numbers. City Manager Schmid and Council Member Ariemma agreed to meet to discuss his questions concerning forecasting and budget.

- 8 Kingwood Dahlonga International Resort LLC d/b/a Achasta application for a Alcoholic Beverage License – Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Mary Csukas, City Clerk stated that the application was completed, and we expected the final advertisement to be posted in this coming edition of the Nugget.

Mayor Norton asked Council for a motion of approval of the application for Kingwood Dahlonga International Resort LLC d/b/a Achasta

Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Ridley.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Larson. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Gaddis

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk gave an update on the Mayor's Conference in Atlanta and the City Council Retreat in Milledgeville.

City Manager – No comments

City Attorney – No Comments

City Council Comments

- Council Ariemma thanked Council for the All-Abilities Playground and looked forward to working with everyone on the Council.
- Council Member Ridley welcomed Council Members Ariemma, Taylor and Larson to the Council, and he looks forward to working with the whole Council.
- Council Member Larson welcomed Council Member Ariemma to the Council.
- Council Member Taylor reflected on the wonderful/great City Staff and welcomed Council Member Ariemma to the Council

Mayor Norton welcomed Council Members Ariemma, Taylor and Larson to the Council and reminded everyone that no action will be taken at the upcoming Conference or Council Retreat

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

_____ Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest: _____ Mary Csukas, City Clerk