



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting - Updated Agenda

February 05, 2024, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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- [a.](#) City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2023
Mary Csukas, City Clerk
- [b.](#) City Council Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2024
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
- [c.](#) City of Dahlonega Work Session Minutes - January 16, 2024
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
- [d.](#) City Council Special Called Work Session Minutes, January 16, 2024
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APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION:

- [1.](#) Cemetery Oath of Office
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Communication
- [2.](#) Tourism Committee Board Appointment
Allison Martin, City Manager
- [3.](#) Employee of the Year Award and Nominations
Allison Martin, City Manager
Communication

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY REPORTS:

- [4.](#) Tourism Report - 4th Quarter 2023
Sam McDuffie, Executive Director

5. Financial Report - December 2024

Allison Martin, City Manager

Communication

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

6. Resolution 2023-06 Sign Moratorium Amendment One

Doug Parks, City Attorney

Communication

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS:

OTHER ITEMS:

7. Executive Session - Real Estate

JoAnne Taylor - Mayor

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments

City Manager Comments

City Attorney Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023, 3:30 PM
Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Taylor called the Special Called Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for approval of the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Bagley, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Taylor called into motion to enter the executive session.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

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

Action was taken in the executive session regarding acquisition of a property that will remain for the moment unidentified. The acquisition if it moves forward must be approved in a public meeting together with the property description, parties and terms being identified.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Gaddis, seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

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



CITY OF DAHLONEGA Council Meeting Minutes

January 02, 2024, 6:00 PM

Gary McCullough Chambers, Dahlongega City Hall

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Ms. Csukas, City Clerk, called the organizational meeting to order and introduced Judge Raymond George, Superior Court Judge of the Enotah Circuit, who will be swearing in the newly elected officials.

Judge Raymond George swore in Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Bagley, and Councilmember Brown.

The newly elected officials and Judge Raymond George signed the Oaths of Office.

Ms. Csukas turned the meeting over to Mayor Taylor.

Mayor Taylor thanked Judge Raymond George for coming.

Mayor Taylor called to order the City Council Meeting of January 2nd, 2024, at 6:04 P.M. Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She welcomed the returning councilmembers back and congratulated newly elected Councilmember Brown.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Councilmember Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Gaddis led the prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Taylor turned the Public Hearing over to City Attorney Parks.

He stated that this was a public hearing and that there would be no vote. He asked Mr. J.R. Johnson to show his presentation.

- a. Public Hearing Squaretail Request to Rezone, Doug Parks, City Attorney

Mr. Johnson presented his request to rezone to the Mayor and Council.

City Attorney Parks opened the floor to public comment concerning the proposed item.

Mr. Sylvester opposed this project based on the concern of Dahlongega's growth.

Ms. Booth spoke in opposition concerning the dangerous road, traffic, price, and renters. She also requested consideration of applying a rear setback. Mrs. Booth presented a document to the council.

Mr. Sherrill said he would like to share and make suggestions before approval. Mr. Sherrill went on to share information and his recommendations.

Ms. O'Gorman spoke in opposition to her concern for Alicia Lane's safety. She suggests doing more research before approving.

City Attorney Parks opened the floor to the City Council and Mayor for questions.

Councilmember Bagley asked if adding another entrance from Tipton Drive was possible. Mr. Johnson said this would be hard because of the hill's steep slope. Councilmember Bagley then asked about the prior development of Laurel Drive. Mr. Johnson noted that the Laural Drive project was always intended for student housing.

Councilmember Shirley questioned if they have added homes since the original plan. Mr. Johnson stated that the original plan had a parking lot, but to keep a residential feel, they went with the driveways.

Councilmember Ariemma asked if Mr. Johnson thinks ten buildings are high density. Mr. Johnson stated that they are under the density that a B-2 allows. Councilmember Ariemma voiced his concern about traffic and the price of these units. He noted that housing seems more appealing than an office building. He asked Mr. Johnson to explain the setbacks. Mr. Johnson stated they are willing to design with as many setbacks as possible with the slopes and driveways. Councilmember Ariemma noted that there were a lot of safety concerns. He states that since this is the first time being presented to the council, it is hard to decide.

Mayor Taylor asked if the HOA would prohibit rental by the room. Mr. Johnson stated that there would be no room rentals.

Councilmember Gaddis asked when Mr. Johnson built the Laurel Drive housing. Mr. Johnson stated that it was around 2019. Councilmember Gaddis noted that he was glad he learned that because he remembers them being presented as single-family homes. Mr. Johnson said that the Planning Director did not present that project well.

Councilmember Reagin asked if the way the plans are shown is the best plan for driveways. Mr. Johnson stated that the slope is above what a commercial drive is allowed. He says they plan to put turnarounds at every unit so the residents will not have to return to the road.

Councilmember Bagley stated that they want to keep Dahlongega a walkable and livable city for people. He says that this is challenging terrain. He asked if they plan on putting up a sidewalk. Mr. Johnson stated that per code, they must put in a sidewalk. They will have a five-foot sidewalk connecting both sides of the property.

Councilmember Ariemma asked if they are flexible on the layout of the design. He asked if they would be open to taking out some townhomes to make more room. Mr. Johnson stated they have looked into multiple angles and want to build responsible housing. He says that these homes fit perfectly into the side of the mountain.

City Attorney Parks stated that the public hearing had adjourned.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There is no Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA SPECIFIC / THREE MINUTE LIMIT

Mayor Taylor opened the floor to the public for comments.

Mr. Gordineer welcomed the new council members and wished everyone a happy new year. He states that both developments are very nice, but each would cause a lot of traffic.

Ms. Cole voiced her concern about the Pine Tree Way development. She states that this development would not be for locals and would cause a lot of traffic.

Mr. Allen stated his concerns about the Pine Tree Way project. He said this project will congest downtown Dahlonega and cause lots of traffic.

Ms. Dawsett voiced her concern about both projects. She stated that these projects will affect traffic and the small-town feel of Dahlonega.

Mr. Underwood spoke on behalf of the Mountain Top project.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone who commented publicly and appreciated everyone's feedback.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- b. City of Dahlonega Work Session Minutes - November 20, 2023
Mary Csukas, City Clerk
- c. City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2023
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- d. City Council Special Called Work Session Minutes, 11/27/2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
- e. Joint Special Called Meeting - City Councilmembers - Board of Commissioners Minutes - December 4, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
- f. Council Meeting Minutes - December 4th, 2023
Sarah Hunsinger, Assistant City Clerk
- g. City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes December 18th, 2023
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Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve minutes A-G.

Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve minutes A-G, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION:

Mayor Taylor stated that she is very grateful for the volunteers on commissions, authorities, and committees, as we would not be as vibrant of a community as we are without them. She says several appointments are to be made to different authorities, committees, and commissions. She asks the council to approve them individually.

1. Re-appointment to the Public Housing Authority, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Mayor Taylor called for a motion for re-appointment to the Public Housing Authority.
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve Jan Tolbert to the Housing Authority, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
Mayor Taylor stated that the Housing Authority would swear in Ms. Tolbert. Mayor Taylor then thanks Ms. Tolbert for volunteering.
2. Appointment to Downtown Development Authority, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor,
Mayor Taylor called for a motion of appointment to the Downtown Development Authority.
Motion made by Councilmember Bagley to approve Melanie Dunlap and Zach Payne to the Downtown Development Authority, Seconded by Councilmember Gaddis.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
3. Appointment to Cemetery Committee, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Mayor Taylor called for a motion of appointment to the Cemetery Committee.
Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to approve Rick Harriss to the Cemetery Committee, Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
4. Appointments to the Planning Commission, JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Mayor Taylor called for a motion of appointment to the Planning Commission.
Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve James Guy and Noah Steinberg to the Planning Commission, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
Mayor Taylor asked each member to read and sign their Oath of Office. Mayor Taylor congratulated and thanked the new members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements..

CITY REPORTS:

5. Financial Report - November 2023, Allison Martin, City Manager
City Manager Martin reviewed the November 2023 financial report with the Mayor and Council. She informed them that there was a programming error in the system, so the percentages would not be correct.
Councilmember Gaddis asked if they could get more specific information on Hotel/Motel stays.
Councilmember Shirley asked about the insurance premium tax.
Councilmember Ariemma stated that the City is doing a great job with its finances.
Mayor Taylor called for a motion to accept the November 2023 financial report.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to accept the November 2023 financial report,
Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin,
Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

6. Request to Rezone – (062A 075), Doug Parks, City Attorney,

Mayor Taylor asked City Attorney Parks to inform the Council and Mayor of this rezoning request.

City Attorney Parks stated that this is a request for Squaretail, LLC to amend the zoning map of the City of Dahlonga by changing the zoning on a parcel of land owned by Steven H Fuller Jr. and William T Hardman Jr., Executor of Bill T. Hardman. The request is to change the 3.81+/- acres located at Alicia Lane from B-2 Highway Business District to R-3 multi-family or to remove the existing conditions for B-2 and remain in the B-2 category.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve the rezoning request.

Councilmember Gaddis motioned to table this item to a Special Called Meeting on the day of the Work Session, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.

Councilmember Ariemma stated that he agrees with Councilmember Gaddis. He suggested giving the council more time to review this development and hear from the public more.

Councilmember Gaddis apologized for not having a vote today but wants the council to have more time to review.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin,
Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

Mayor Taylor stated that this item will be moved to a Special Called meeting at the next Work Session on January 16th, 2024.

7. Request to Amend a Previously approved PUD – (079-054 & 079-074)), Doug Parks,
City Attorney

Mayor Taylor asked City Attorney Parks to inform the Council and Mayor of this rezoning request.

City Attorney Parks stated that this is a request for Mountain Top Real Estate Group, LLC, to amend a previously approved PUD on land owned by Don Michael Cottrell. The request is to amend a previously approved 62.77-acre property on Pinetree Way. This request aims to construct a mixed-use development to include townhomes and 10,000 square feet of Commercial Space.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion regarding this request to amend a previously approved PUD.

Motion made by Councilmember Gaddis to deny this application to change the PUD,
Seconded by Councilmember Ariemma.

Councilmember Ariemma stated that this was a challenging situation for the City Council. He stated that the property could be marketed differently.

Councilmember Brown stated that this property could be helpful in a different way and says that Mountain Top has had a significant commitment to working with the community. Still, Dahlonga's roadways could not support this development.

Councilmember Reagin stated that his primary concern is that the aquatic center is not open yet, so it is hard to decide on its development based on the unknown.

Councilmember Shirley stated that he appreciates the want to develop in Dahlonega, but some issues must be resolved. He says no one opposes housing but is concerned about the traffic.

Mayor Taylor informs the community that Morrison Moore is a state road. She stated that they have been pushing GDOT about this issue and have not made much progress. She said that they want to keep Dahlonega safe and small. She encouraged community members to contact Lumpkin County and ask them to lobby for the changes to Morrison Moore to the DOT. She stated that the DOT has done a lot for the City of Dahlonega and is excellent to work with, and it would take a whole village to get those changes.

Councilmember Gaddis stated that they try to balance growth and good quality of life in the city. He says they know of some road issues, but this project is too big for the location. He stated that this council needs to work on balancing growth. He thanked Mr. Underwood for all of his hard work.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

8. FY2023 Budget Amendment, Allison Martin, City Manager, SP#3 - Communication

City Manager Martin stated that they made their first pass of entries and did this as a placeholder. They did not need a budget amendment, so an amendment should not exist unless something falls out during the auditors' suggesting entries. She thanks Mayor Taylor and the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Taylor thanked City Manager Martin and thanked her for a great audit.

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS:

There were no Contracts or Agreements.

OTHER ITEMS:

9. 2024 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals – Strategic Priority #3 Communications

Mary Csukas, City Clerk & Doug Parks, City Attorney

Ms. Csukas stated that this is the last tasting room looking for renewal, and everything is in order for them. She recommends approval for Farm Winery Tasting Room.

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to approve renewing the 2024 alcoholic beverage license.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley to approve the 2024 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.

Councilmember Reagin asked for more details about the tasting room.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Ms. Csukas welcomed the new council, commission, and committee members.

City Manager Martin congratulated Councilmember Brown and said she is excited to work with him. She requested a meeting with local GDOT representatives to discuss traffic. She also told the Mayor and Council that Park Street underground utilities' current cost analysis had been revised. The Parks Street Project is expected to begin on January 8th, with the contract mobilizing shortly after that. East Main Street will be completed by the end of January, and the contractor will be mobilizing to North Square. They will begin work on the sidewalk in front of Spirits Tavern, followed by final striping, and we will start work on the North Square Project, which goes from the front of Brad Walker Pottery and Connie Ice Cream north, possibly in February or March.

City Attorney Parks had no comments.

City Council Comments:

Councilmember Gaddis thanked everyone who commented at the meeting and congratulated Councilmember Brown on joining the team. Councilmember Gaddis asked City Attorney Parks about rezoning on the agendas and asked City Manager Martin about the Parks Street Project.

Councilmember Ariemma welcomed Councilmember Brown to the team and stated that their decisions were difficult. He is looking forward to the next four years.

Councilmember Reagin thanked everyone for coming and making comments. He stated that keeping Dahlonaga a small town is hard, but the council tries to make the best decisions.

Councilmember Shirley thanked everyone who showed up this evening and made a public comment. He then congratulated all the returning and new members.

Councilmember Bagley wished everyone a happy new year. He suggests using the monitors more during the meetings. He states that everyone wants the best for Dahlonaga, and deciding what that is can be a great challenge.

Councilmember Brown thanked everyone for coming and making public comments. He states that he sees Dahlonaga growing, and it is their job to control the growth. He says that he is very excited to serve the community.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Taylor said she is excited to work with the new and returning council members. She states that her goal is to keep the community spirit in Dahlonaga, which is the best thing about this city. She also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor called for a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gaddis, Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown



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Council Work Session Minutes

January 16, 2024, 4:00 PM

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OPEN MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called the January 16, 2024, City Council Work Session to order at 4:00 P.M.

He welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Roman Gaddis
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma
Councilmember Ryan Reagin
Councilmember Ross Shirley
Councilmember Lance Bagley
Councilmember Daniel Brown

ABSENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

BOARD & COMMITTEES

1. Cemetery Committee—December 2023

Chris Worick, Chair, Dahlongega Cemetery Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated that Chris Worick was not here to answer questions. He then stated how grateful they are for everything the Cemetery committee does.

2. Dahlongega Downtown Development Authority/Main Street – December 2023

Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Director

Downtown Development Director Alexander stated that there were no updates to the reports but could answer any questions.

Councilmember Shirley stated that the city had a fabulous tourism year this year and asked if any reports have been made regarding the things that need to be changed or improved.

Councilmember Ryan thanked Downtown Development Director Alexander for attending Leadership Lumpkin.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT: <https://dahlonega.gov/category/department-reports/>
APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION: (Vote at Council Meeting)

3. Tourism Committee Board Appointment

Allison Martin, City Manager

Communication

City Manager Martin stated that one seat is open, and Micoh Mihok wants to stay on the board.

4. Planning Commission Re-Appointment

Mary Csukas, City Clerk

Communication

Ms. Csukas, City Clerk, stated that there is one opening for the Planning Commission.

City Manager Martin stated that the Planning Commission will vote at the beginning of the year to nominate their chairman, but Chairman Conaway wants to stay on the commission.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

5. IGA Dahlonega Lumpkin SPLOST

Allison Martin, City Manager

Communication

City Manager Martin stated that this is an IGA between Dahlonega and Lumpkin County for a SPLOST continuation referendum, the orderly distribution of proceeds, the project lists, and other legal descriptions. Without an IGA, the sales tax can only be collected for five years, which amounts to a loss of ~\$5.5 million in the program. With an IGA, the sales tax can be collected for six years. Sales tax programs are essential in meeting local governments' capital needs without issuing a property tax levy, general obligation debt, or raising rates in enterprise funds. Staff recommends that this gets approved.

There was a discussion between Councilmember Ariemma and City Manager Martin about the details of the IGA.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis thanked the staff for working so hard on this SPLOST. He then explains several reasons the city must have an IGA to other council members and the audience.

Councilmember Bagley asked how fixed the city is on our submitted items.

City Manager Martin stated that once this item is voted on, it cannot change.

Council members, the mayor pro-tem, and staff had a discussion on rewording the projects.

6. Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing IGA Dahlonega Lumpkin SPLOST

Allison Martin, City Manager

Communication

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis commended the staff for all their hard work.

Councilmember Bagley asked if there was a chance for the council to relook at some of the items and be broader to ensure more flexibility in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated that it is too late to change. He then stated that if this item is not voted on tonight, it will miss the call on the election, and this will have to be pushed back to November. The goal is to have a continuation of sales tax with the primary election, and if we miss that call on the election, it becomes a risk of being unsuccessful. He believes that the council would be very short sighted to change the wording at this point in the process.

City Manager Martin stated that the bond council has already suggested rewording. She stated they had no other problems with the wording other than the last item. They wanted it to be more specific.

Councilmember Ariemma voiced his concern about this item.

OTHER ITEMS:

7. Lime Slurry Tank Purchase

Allison Martin, City Manager & John Jarrard, JWS

Infrastructure

City Manager Martin stated that the city council approved the lime slurry tank improvement project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the FY2024 budget. The project was bid and came in over budget due to the state requirement of a double-walled tank. Staff recommend purchasing the tank and waiting on approval of the federal government budget before proceeding with this lime slurry tank project in full. A 30-day price guarantee was given, and by purchasing directly, the city preserves the price, and the apparent low bidder is willing to give credit on their bid for the tank. The city is expected to receive \$350,000 in a direct Congressional allocation upon funding from the federal government in February 2024. Receipt of these funds would cover the difference in the budget versus the bid and allow this project to be completed without adversely impacting the enterprise fund's operating budget. The State has approved this project, and our insurance company requires that we complete this project for the safety of staff and the security of our chemical room. She stated that the staff recommends proceeding with the tank purchase to preserve the price.

Councilmember Bagley asked if the tank would still be purchased if the rates did not drop.

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis deferred the comments until after the Special Called Meeting if that pleases the council.

The council agreed to defer the comments until after the Special Called Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis adjourned the January 18th, 2024, City Council Work Session at 4:23 P.M.



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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Roman Gaddis
Councilmember Johnny Ariemma
Councilmember Ryan Reagin
Councilmember Ross Shirley
Councilmember Lance Bagley
Councilmember Daniel Brown

ABSENT

Mayor JoAnne Taylor

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated he needed the council to amend the agenda, swap items 8 and 9, and put Resolution 2024-01 before the IGA Dahlonega Lumpkin SPLOST.

Motion made by Councilmember Shirley to amend the agenda and swap items 8 and 9 to see nine before 8, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

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Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion to approve items 1-7.
Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve minute items 1-7, Seconded by Councilmember Bagley.
Councilmember Ariemma suggested a correction on item 1 for his statement that the City of Dahlonge's Square mileage is six sq miles not four-square miles.
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis motioned to approve all the minutes with the correction.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION

8. IGA Dahlonge Lumpkin SPLOST, Communication, Allison Martin, City Manager,
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Reagin to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Shirley.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
9. Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing IGA Dahlonge Lumpkin SPLOST, Allison Martin, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve the IGA, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown
10. Ordinance 2024-01; Squaretail LLC application for property located on Alicia Lane
Doug Parks, City Attorney
City Attorney Parks states that this item is now available to have a vote. The public hearing has been concluded, and no further evidence will be given.
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.
Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve, Seconded by Councilmember Brown.
Councilmember Ariemma stated that with the two options to do an R3 or leave it B2, why is the council one versus the other?
Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis stated that several conditions have been placed in this ordinance and noted that this is now in a good spot to where he suggests it be approved.
Councilmember Ariemma agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis and looks forward to seeing this project progress.
Councilmember Bagley stated he likes the new conditions but questioned the short-term rentals.
Councilmember Reagin stated that if you have more than a certain percentage that is very low, they will not give you a mortgage, which makes it very hard to sell.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

OTHER ITEMS

11. Lime Slurry Tank Purchase, Allison Martin, City Manager & John Jarrard, JWS
Infrastructure

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis called for a motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Ariemma to approve the purchase of the tank for \$125,000, Seconded by Councilmember Reagin.

Councilmember Ariemma asked what a slurry was.

Councilmember Bagley asked about the size of the tank.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Ariemma, Councilmember Reagin, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Bagley, Councilmember Brown

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis opened the comments section.

Ms. Csukas had no comments.

City Manager Martin had no comments.

City Attorney Parks had no comments.

City Council Comments:

Councilmember Ariemma had no comments.

Councilmember Reagin had no comments.

Councilmember Shirley had no comments.

Councilmember Bagley had no comments.

Councilmember Brown thanked the staff for the hard work on the IGA and wanted to echo earlier comments about Squaretail.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis thanked the council and staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddis adjourned the January 18, 2024, Special Called Meeting at 4:37 p.m.



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Rick Harris, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia, that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Dahlonega, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Cemetery Committee as a voting member so help me God.

This is the 2nd day of January of 2024.

Rick Harris
Cemetery Committee

Attest:

JoAnne Taylor
Mayor, City of Dahlonega



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: January 26, 2024
TITLE: Tourism Committee Board Appointment
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Appointment to the Tourism Committee Board

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

The City Council and the County Board of Commissioners both appoint two members to the Tourism Committee Board to serve three-year terms. One of the seats appointed by the City has expired and needs to be filled. Micah Mihok currently fills the seat and is willing to serve another term. Sam McDuffie, Executive Director, supports the reappointment. Now that Tourism has separated from the Chamber, new members and reappointments will be sworn in by the Tourism Board Chairman.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the reappointment.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to reappoint Micah Mihok to the Tourism Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

n/a



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: January 29, 2024
TITLE: Employee of the Year Award and Nominations
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Employee of the Year Award and Nominations

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

The Dahlonega Sunshine Rotary Club has recognized an Employee of the Year for the City and County government for many years. As part of our organization's goals to recognize employees for exemplary service, along with this year's winner, Office Chris Weeks, we are also recognizing all the employees who were nominated for the 2023 Employee of the Year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

n/a.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

certificates

Employee of the Year Certificate

In honor of outstanding performance we honor

Christopher Weeks

As Employee of the Year for

2023

This 5th Day of February Year of 2024 .

Mayor, City of Dahlonega

City Manager

Certificate of Recognition

We Hereby Recognize

Jeff Saine

for outstanding achievement in

Service to the Citizens of Dahlonga

On the 5th Day of February Year of 2024.

Mayor, City of Dahlonga

City Manager

Certificate of Recognition

We Hereby Recognize

Jackie Grizzle

for outstanding achievement in

Service to the Citizens of Dahlonga

On the 5th Day of February Year of 2024.

Mayor, City of Dahlonga

City Manager

Certificate of Recognition

We Hereby Recognize

Bill Duffy

for outstanding achievement in

Service to the Citizens of Dahlonga

On the 5th Day of February Year of 2024.

Mayor, City of Dahlonga

City Manager



Dahlonega-Lumpkin County
Convention and Visitors Bureau
2023 Q4 Tourism Report
12/31/23

I. Visitor Center Updates

○ 2023 Monthly Visitation (Appendix 1)

- January - 9,250
- February - 7,958
- March - 16,982
- April - 15,040
- May - 16,677
- June - 15,674
- July - 19,265
- August - 12,449
- September - 13,711
- October - 26,852
- November - 21,412
- December - 36,027

○ Year to Date Visitation (12/31/23)

- FY23- 211,2443
- FY22- 179,662
- FY21- 198,950

II. The DLcCVB Strategic Plan and the Pillars of our Organization

○ Pillar I: Market our Destination

- Passive Marketing (Printed ads in Publications, Billboards).
- Digital Marketing (Social Media, Paid Search, Website).
- Consumer Marketing (Radio, TV, and Film).

○ Pillar II: Knowing our Guest.

- Demographics (Who, What, Where).
- Spending and Travel Habits.

○ Pillar III: Welcoming Our Guest

- Knowledgeable Staff.
- Clean Restrooms.
- Local and Regional Brochures.

○ Pillar IV: Community Outreach

- Speaking to Civic Clubs
- Have representation at local events (UNG, Six Gap, City & County Events).
- Annual State of Tourism event during National Travel and Tourism Week.

III. Marketing Initiatives

○ Passive Marketing & Advertising (Appendix 2)

- New Billboards.

- I-75: Valdosta, I-16: Statesboro, I-85/I-185 Merge: Hogansville, I-20: Birmingham

○ Digital Marketing Concentration

- Paid Search & Website

- Source and Medium of how people are finding us. (Appendix 3a)
- 2023 Website Pageviews

- 2.6 million Unique Page Views (Appendix 3b)

- Arrivalist Data

- States that have come to Dahunega & Lumpkin County (Appendix 3c)
- Visitation by U.S. Market Cluster (Appendix 3d)

- Social Media Audience Growth and Engagements (Appendix 3e & Appendix 3f)

- **Public Relations**
 - October
 - *Forbes*: Fantastic Place to Travel for Fall:
 - *USA Today 10 Best*: 10 Friendsgiving ideas for a great getaway
 - *Fox News*: Amazing fall mountain towns for family fun
 - November
 - *AARP*: 5 Small Towns That Will Bring your Hallmark Christmas Movie to Life
 - *The Today Show*: Winter Wanderlust Gems On-Air Segment
 - *Only In Your State*: Your Ultimate Guide to Winter Attractions and Activities in Georgia
 - December
 - *AOL*: Where are Hallmark Movies Filmed (and Can Go There?)
 - *WXIA-TV (11 Alive NBC)*: This North Georgia town is #1 for most festive, charming Christmas getaways in the South.
 - *HGTV*: The 50 Best Small Towns to Visit for Christmas.

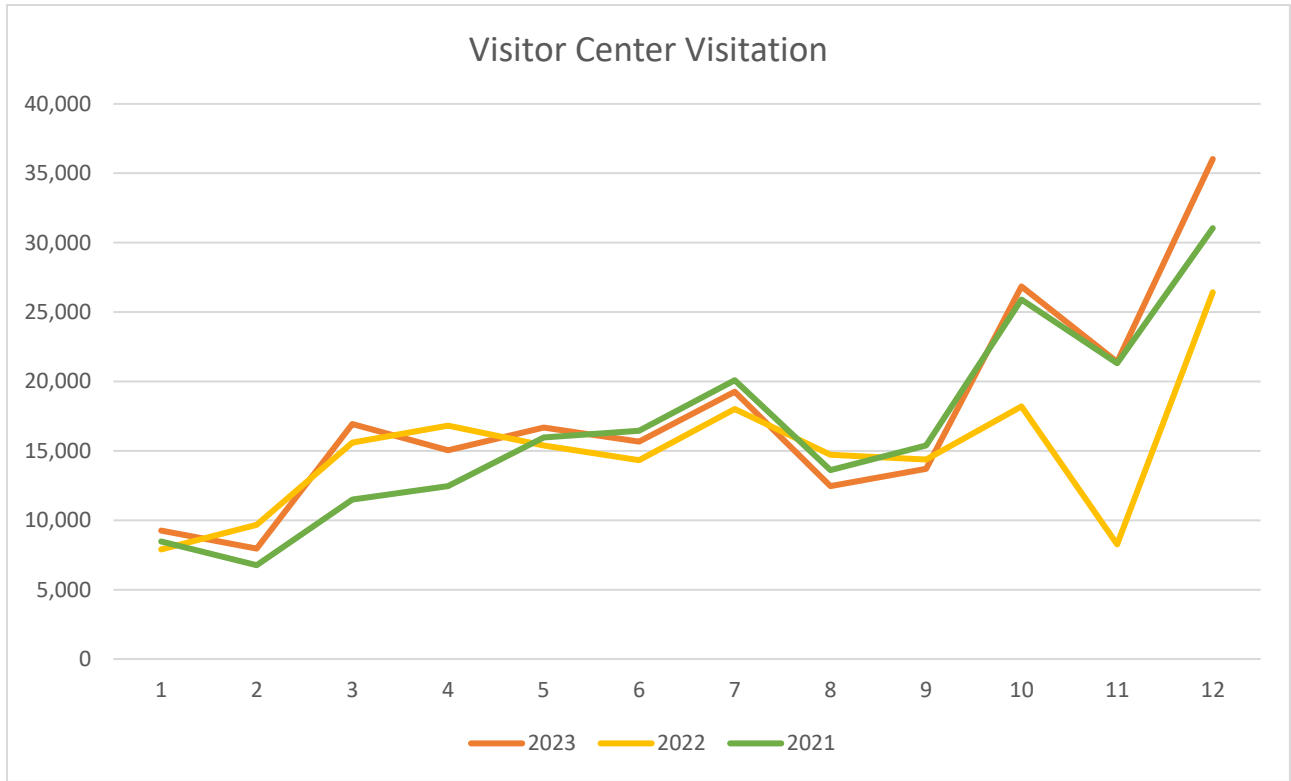
IV. Professional Development and Tourism Staff updates

- Tourism Staff and the Tourism Board of Directors had a successful Marketing Strategic Plan with Rope Roberts Consulting. Items of discussion were the 4 Pillars of the DLcCVB and a 12- and 24-month Marketing & Strategic Plan.
- Successfully created our 501(c)6, the Dahlenega-Lumpkin County Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- 2024 Dahlenega-Lumpkin County CVB Visitor Guide has been completed.

V. Partnerships

- We hosted the University of Georgia Tourism and Hospitality class on a tour of Dahlenega and Lumpkin County to highlight agritourism and marketing initiatives.
- Worked very closely with Old Fashioned Christmas Committee and the Downtown Business Association in preparations for the Christmas Season.
- Continue working for the Dahlenega Main Street and Downtown Development Authority in future Tourism Product Development ideas.
- Scheduling meetings with Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department and the University of North Georgia Athletics Department on hosting future tournaments in our community.

APPENDIX 1: Visitor Center



Appendix 2: 2024 Billboards

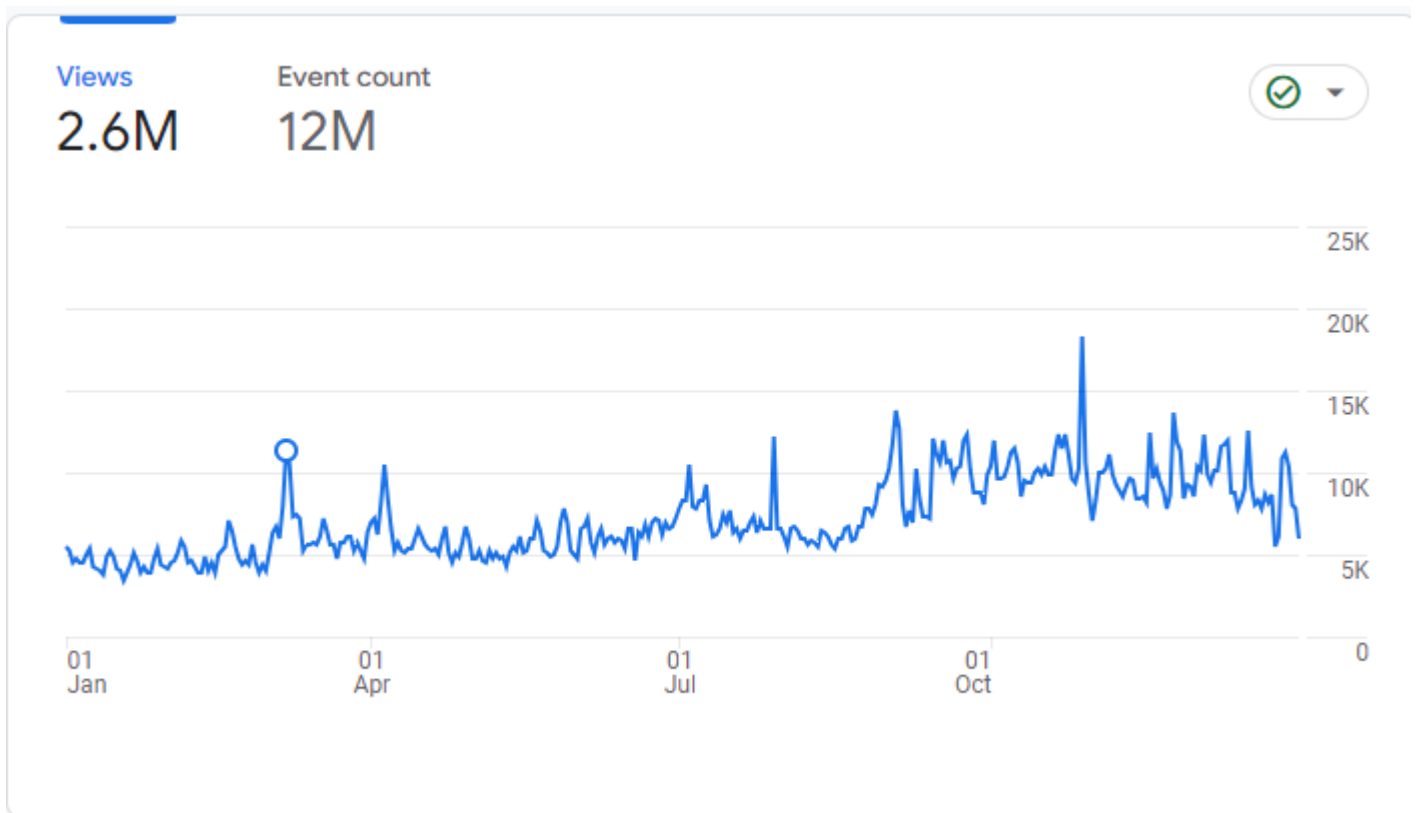




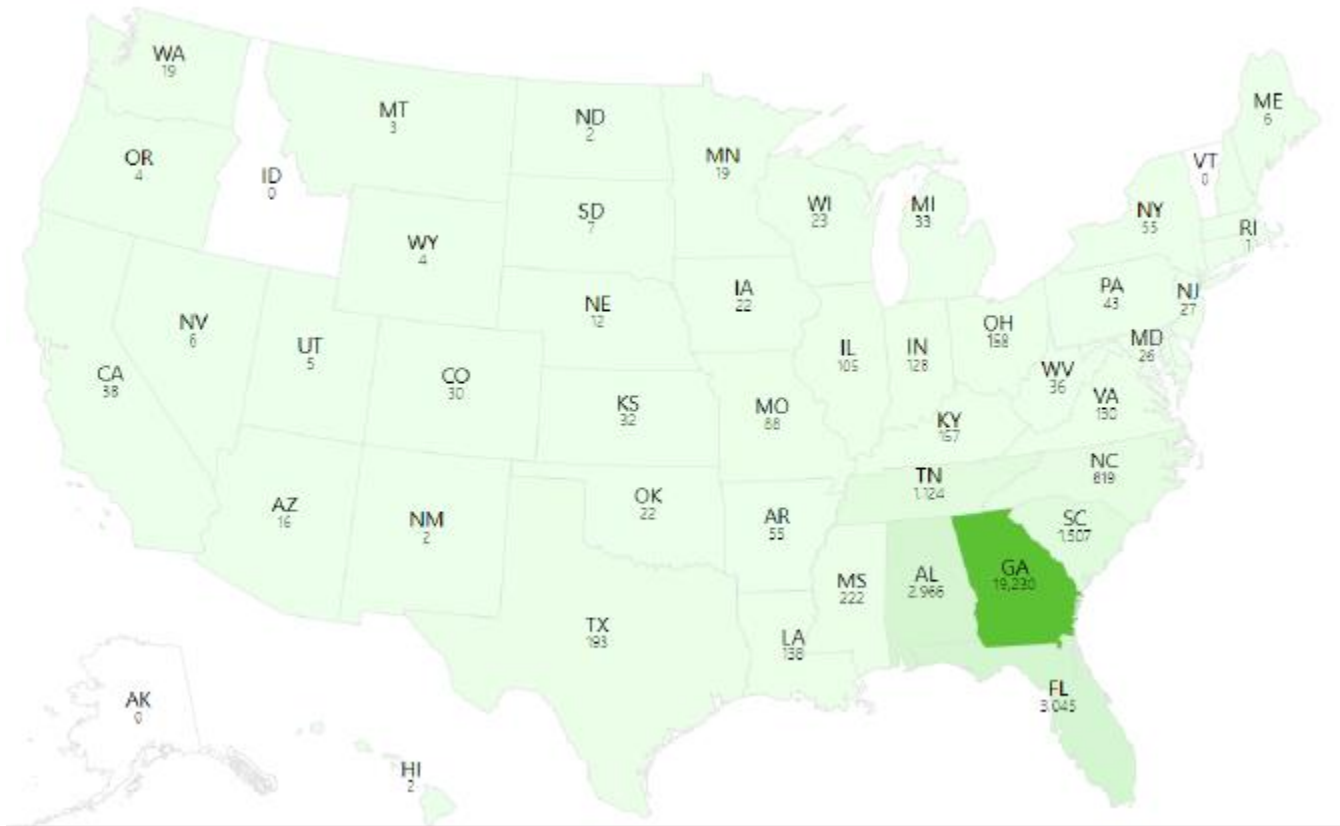
Appendix 3a – YoY Source & Medium

Session source / medium	Sessions ▾	% Δ	1 Min+ Conv. Rate	% Δ
google / organic	42,882	29.9% ↑	51.1%	-
(direct) / (none)	16,634	16.8% ↑	49.6%	-
google / cpc	3,704	-18.1% ↓	53.5%	-
MediaOne / native	2,607	754.8% ↑	45.7%	-
bing / organic	1,927	36.0% ↑	60.6%	-
m.facebook.com / referral	1,638	-17.3% ↓	26.4%	-
yahoo / organic	946	4.5% ↑	58.2%	-
duckduckgo / organic	722	-9.2% ↓	58.2%	-
lm.facebook.com / referral	517	-26.1% ↓	20.1%	-
tiktok.com / referral	396	-	21.5%	-
l.facebook.com /	318	4.3% ↑	47.8%	-

Appendix 3b: Unique Views



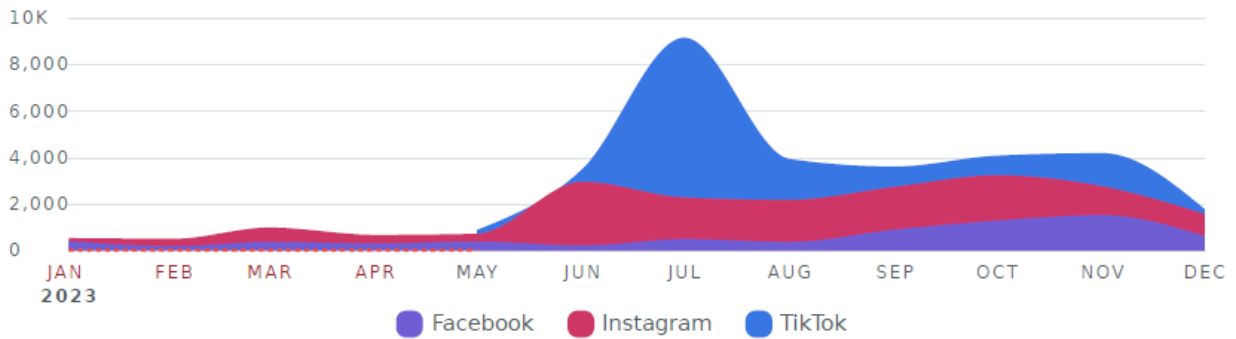
Appendix 3c: Where are people coming from?



Appendix 3d: U.S. Market Clusters and time spent in destination (Highlighted areas are targeted DMAs)

DMA Name	Arrivals	Visitors	% of Total Arrivals	Repeat Visit Ratio	Average time in Destination (Days, Hours)
Atlanta	14,834	9,444	48.50%	36%	19 Hours, 43 Minutes
Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville/Anderson	1,701	1,236	5.60%	27%	20 Hours, 54 Minutes
Birmingham	1,648	1,270	5.40%	23%	1 Day, 36 Minutes
Macon	1,176	942	3.80%	20%	22 Hours, 34 Minutes
Chattanooga	1,068	829	3.50%	22%	20 Hours, 52 Minutes
Tampa/Saint Petersburg	782	741	2.60%	5%	1 Day, 30 Minutes
Jacksonville-Brunswick	662	583	2.20%	12%	1 Day, 3 Hours, 31 Minutes
Augusta	642	530	2.10%	17%	22 Hours, 15 Minutes
Orlando/Daytona Beach/Melbourne	619	580	2.00%	6%	1 Day, 2 Hours, 47 Minutes
Columbus-Ga	577	469	1.90%	19%	20 Hours, 17 Minutes
Savannah	526	473	1.70%	10%	1 Day, 1 Hour, 51 Minutes
Huntsville/Decatur/Florence	487	412	1.60%	15%	1 Day, 1 Hour, 16 Minutes
Tallahassee/Thomasville	382	335	1.20%	12%	23 Hours, 55 Minutes
Nashville	368	312	1.20%	15%	1 Day, 1 Hour, 22 Minutes
Mobile/Pensacola/Fort Walton Beach	336	306	1.10%	9%	1 Day, 3 Hours, 19 Minutes
Albany-Ga	325	265	1.10%	18%	23 Hours, 39 Minutes
Charlotte	289	242	0.90%	16%	1 Day, 12 Minutes
Knoxville	288	245	0.90%	15%	20 Hours, 24 Minutes
Montgomery/Selma	266	226	0.90%	15%	1 Day, 2 Hours, 31 Minutes
Miami/Fort Lauderdale	255	247	0.80%	3%	1 Day, 4 Hours, 2 Minutes
Columbia-Sc	207	172	0.70%	17%	1 Day, 1 Hour, 35 Minutes

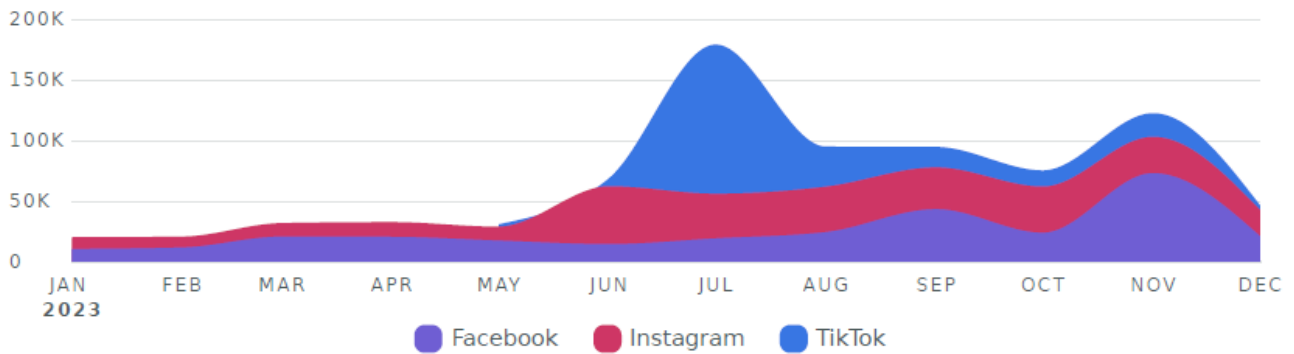
Appendix 3e: Social Media - Total Audience



Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Audience	101,469	↗ 53%
Total Net Audience Growth	33,589	↗ 307%
Facebook Net Follower Growth	6,790	↗ 47.4%
Instagram Net Follower Growth	14,090	↗ 286.7%
TikTok Net Follower Growth	12,709	—

Appendix 3f: Social Media – Engagements

Engagements, by Month



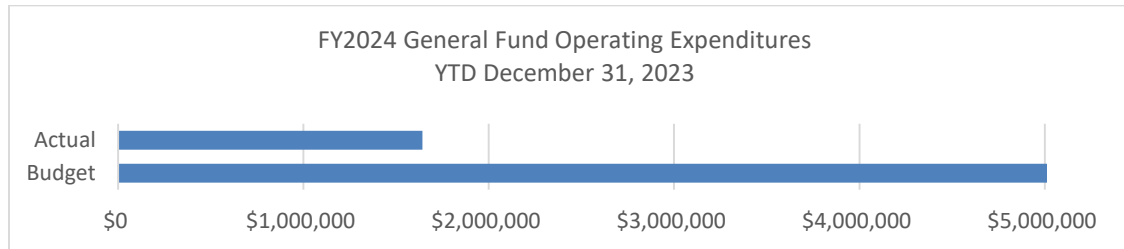
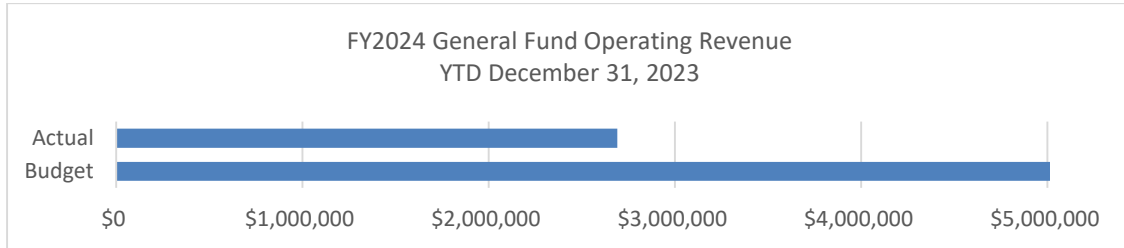
Engagement Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Engagements	815,333	↗ 166.8%
Facebook Engagements	298,393	↗ 63.8%
Instagram Engagements	298,756	↗ 142.1%
TikTok Engagements	218,184	—



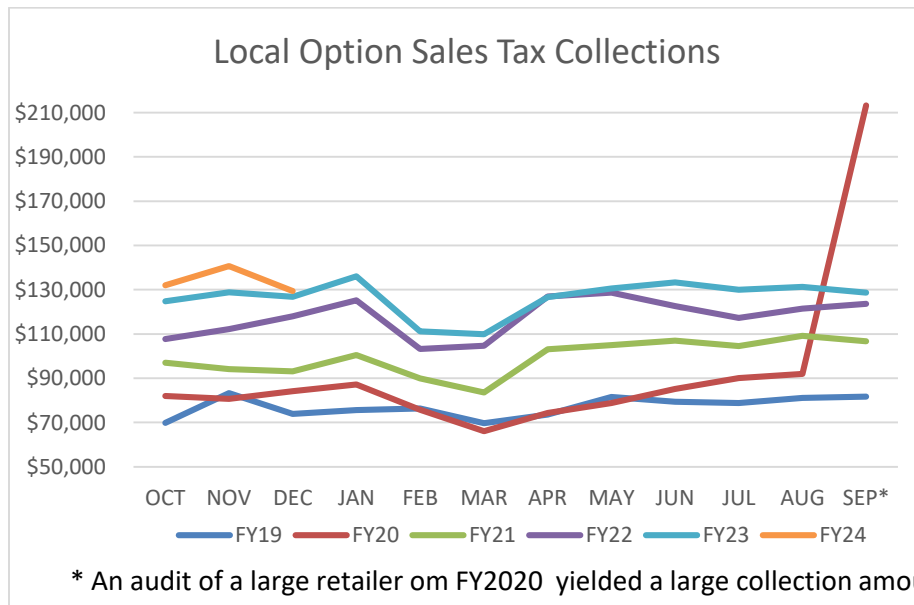
CITY OF DAHLONEGA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2023

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, 91.98% of the 2023 taxes budgeted have been collected.
- Sales tax collections remain strong and reflected collections 2.01% greater than FY23. The change in the State law related to internet sales taxation has continued to positively impact our collections.



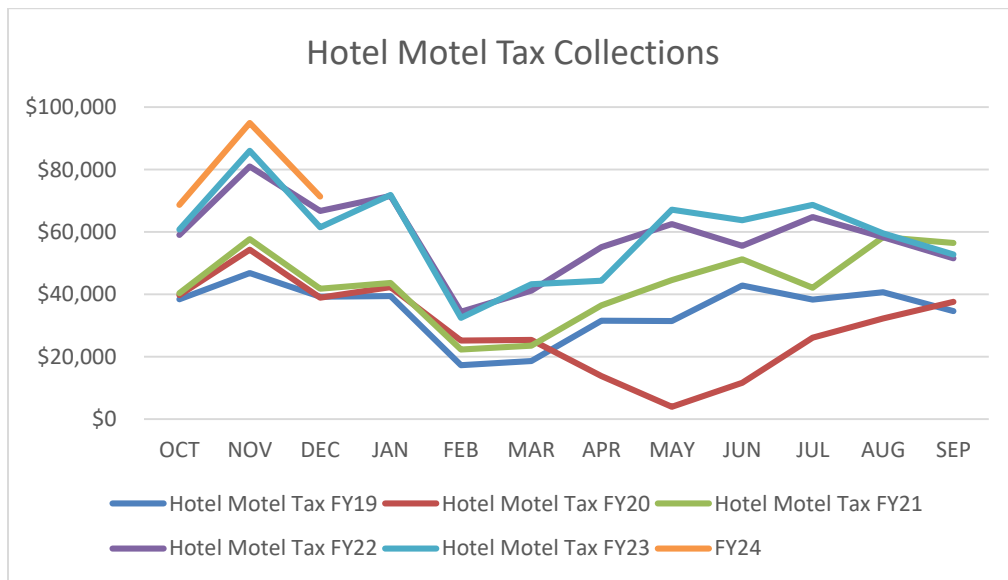
- The annual revenue for Insurance Premium Tax is \$667,217 this year, which is 22.37% greater than last fiscal year. This amount is based on a pro-rata population formula.
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax and License revenue collected year-to-date is comparable to the prior year.
- Permit revenue collected year-to-date is greater than last year's collections.
- Department expenditures are in line with budget expectations.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Operational results are on track with the budget.

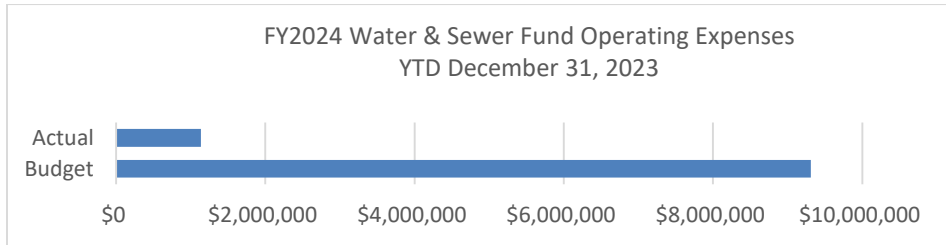
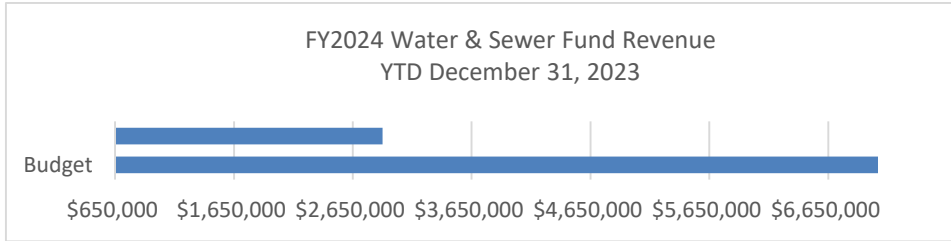
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

- 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. FY24 is 16.06% more than FY23. 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.



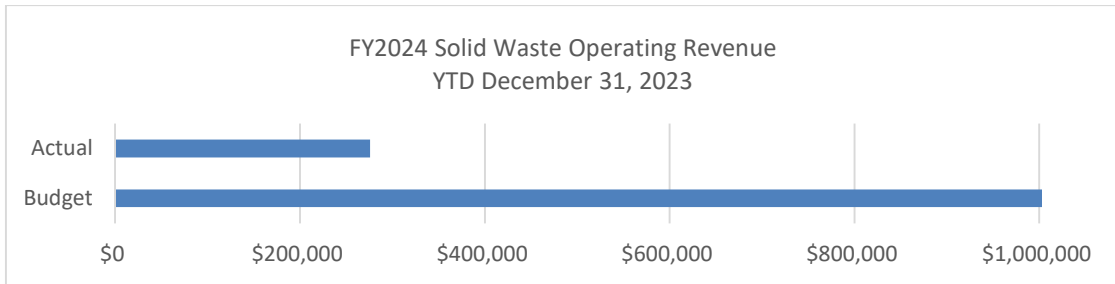
WATER AND SEWER FUND

- Water and sewer sales are trending along with budget projections. Revenue from water sales and sewer charges is 3.58% greater than last year.
- All department expenses are in line with the budget.



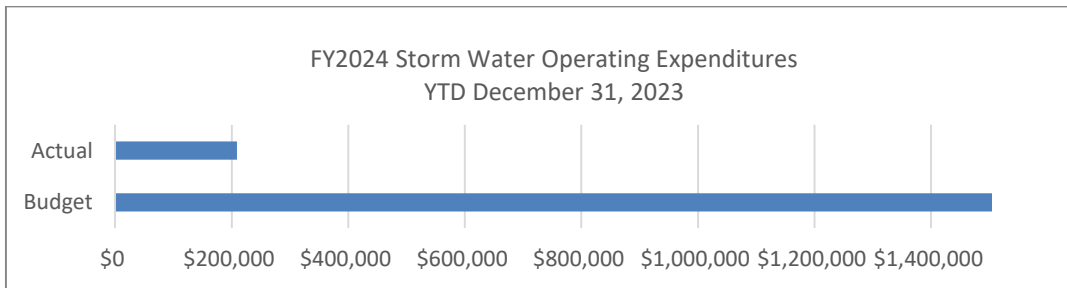
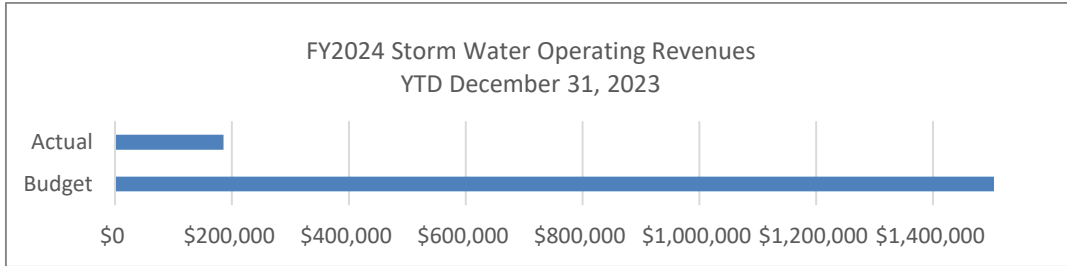
SOLID WASTE FUND

- Refuse Collection Charges are Revenues are 2.87% more than the prior year.
- Expenses are meeting budget expectations.



STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

- Transfers In and Indirect Charges reflect a three-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 Finance Department January 29, 2024)

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND				
	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,878,289.00	1,124,130.63	59.85
	GENERAL SALES AND USE TAXES	1,430,000.00	270,027.88	18.88
	SELECTIVE SALES AND USES TAXES	224,600.00	47,005.24	20.93
	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES	178,000.00	122,950.00	69.07
	BUSINESS TAXES	705,247.00	711,361.76	100.87
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	1,200.00	858.27	71.52
	PERMITS AND FEES	73,000.00	126,542.15	173.35
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	15,539.00	4,661.58	30.00
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	730,133.00	184,286.30	25.24
	FINES AND FORFEITURES	199,302.00	45,828.93	22.99
	INVESTMENT INCOME	90,000.00	16,580.62	18.42
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,000.00	160.00	5.33
	OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	35,000.00	13,300.00	38.00
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	15,500.00	14,445.31	93.20
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	105,875.00	8,579.17	8.10
	TOTAL REVENUES	5,684,685.00	2,690,717.84	47.33
	LEGISLATIVE	264,522.00	67,759.45	24.82
	EXECUTIVE	289,711.00	48,147.04	16.62
	ELECTIONS	12,600.00	0.00	0.00
	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,136,427.00	203,434.01	17.84
	MUNICIPAL COURT	302,668.00	54,866.87	18.13
	CITY MARSHAL	938,482.00	184,094.37	19.43
	PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION	260,494.00	35,557.89	13.65
	STREETS	1,350,170.00	262,145.55	18.75
	MAINTENANCE AND SHOP	127,348.00	17,556.44	13.79
	CEMETERY	112,054.00	51,496.17	45.96
	PARKS	69,500.00	6,482.97	9.33
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	282,914.00	78,505.76	27.75
	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	76,536.00	0.00	0.00
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	461,259.00	38,438.25	8.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,684,685.00	1,048,484.77	18.22
Fund 100 - GENERAL FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	5,684,685.00	2,690,717.84	47.33
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,684,685.00	1,048,484.77	18.22
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	1,642,233.07	2,361.03

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	300.00	411.64	137.21
	INVESTMENT INCOME	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	100.00	0.00	0.00
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1,500.00	5,085.00	339.00
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	184,875.00	15,406.25	8.33
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	128,890.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	321,665.00	20,902.89	6.50
	DDA ADMINISTRATION	155,893.00	27,705.85	17.77
	TOURISM	60,032.00	2,985.37	4.97
	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT	105,740.00	28,793.17	27.23
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	321,665.00	59,484.39	18.49
Fund 230 - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	321,665.00	20,902.89	6.50
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	321,665.00	59,484.39	18.49
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	(38,581.50)	100.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND				
	HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES	700,000.00	235,042.18	33.58
	PENALTIES AND INTEREST	0.00	601.40	100.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	600.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	700,600.00	235,643.58	33.63
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	297,063.00	72,143.76	24.29
	TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	403,537.00	33,334.42	8.26
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	700,600.00	105,478.18	15.06
Fund 275 - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	700,600.00	235,643.58	33.63
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	700,600.00	105,478.18	15.06
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	130,165.40	100.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INVESTMENT INCOME	160,000.00	50,831.31	31.77
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,000.00	304.55	10.15
	WATER CHARGES	3,173,461.00	861,949.15	27.16
	TAP FEES - WATER	175,000.00	611,855.00	349.63
	SEWER CHARGES	2,339,413.00	716,371.16	30.62
	TAP FEES - SEWER	175,000.00	517,830.00	295.90
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	70,300.00	20,116.33	28.61
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,438,032.00	119,836.00	8.33
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	1,778,564.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	9,312,770.00	2,899,093.50	31.13
	SEWER LIFT STATIONS	278,654.00	38,672.95	13.88
	SEWER TREATMENT PLANT	918,621.00	150,727.83	16.32
	DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION	1,202,602.00	298,094.95	21.57
	WATER SUPPLY	322,504.00	39,875.37	12.36
	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	2,427,976.00	402,218.17	16.41
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	3,976,673.00	175,963.74	4.18
	INTERFUND CHARGES	125,740.00	31,434.99	25.00
	OTHER COSTS	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,312,770.00	1,136,988.00	11.66
Fund 505 - WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	9,312,770.00	2,899,093.50	31.13
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,312,770.00	1,136,988.00	11.66
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	1,762,105.50	402.64

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	300.00	0.00	0.00
	INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0.00	778.40	100.00
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	7,000.00	1,814.26	25.92
	REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES	1,067,401.00	273,254.63	25.60
	APPROPRIATED NET ASSETS	22,005.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,106,706.00	275,847.29	24.93
	PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	551,986.00	97,953.36	17.75
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	291,150.00	56,308.01	19.34
	SUPPLIES	160,700.00	9,255.18	5.76
	INTERFUND CHARGES	62,870.00	15,717.51	25.00
	OTHER COSTS	40,000.00	0.00	0.00
	DEBT SERVICE	0.00	10.00	100.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,106,706.00	179,244.06	16.20
Fund 540 - SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,106,706.00	275,847.29	24.93
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,106,706.00	179,244.06	16.20
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	96,603.23	100.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2023-24 ORIGINAL BUDGET	YTD BALANCE 12/31/2023 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDGT USED
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND				
	INVESTMENT INCOME	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
	OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,000.00	381.05	38.11
	TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,165,544.00	97,128.67	8.33
	STORMWATER UTILITY CHARGES	354,150.00	87,763.64	24.78
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,522,194.00	185,273.36	12.17
PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
	PURCHASES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	81,402.00	16,355.49	20.09
	SUPPLIES	80,500.00	637.50	0.79
	CAPITAL OUTLAYS	32,000.00	0.00	0.00
	INTERFUND CHARGES	819,913.00	65,154.30	6.70
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	508,379.00	127,094.76	25.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,522,194.00	209,242.05	12.49
Fund 560 - STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND:				
	TOTAL REVENUES	1,522,194.00	185,273.36	12.17
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,522,194.00	209,242.05	12.49
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	(23,968.69)	15.66
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS				
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	18,648,620.00	6,307,478.46	33.82
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	18,648,620.00	2,738,921.45	14.18
	NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	3,568,557.01	540.49



DATE: February 5, 2024
TITLE: Resolution 2023-06 Sign Moratorium Amendment One
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Amendment One to Resolution 2023-06 -- Temporary Moratorium on Sign Permit Applications

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

The council recently approved a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of sign permit applications for all properties within the city until the sign ordinance could be reviewed. The initial review of the ordinance has been completed. The current ordinance does not contain needed regulations for certain types of wall signs. After discussion with the city's consultant and staff, the attached amendment will allow the moratorium to be lifted for all types of signs except wall signs painted on the exterior of the building or through the use of alternatives to paint such as vinyl or similar materials. The current ordinance does not address those types of signs. An amendment to the sign ordinance is currently being drafted with updates to the inflatable section and the wall sign section. This ordinance update will be placed on a Planning Commission agenda before it comes before the council. Given these required steps, the limited moratorium is now set to expire in May.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of staff that this resolution be approved.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

I make a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 Amendment One to the temporary moratorium on the acceptance and processing of sign permit applications.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2023-06 Amendment One.

RESOLUTION 2023- 06

AMENDMENT ONE

RESOLUTION AMENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA'S SIGN ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have now identified the portions of the sign ordinance requiring amendment and believe it is imperative to protect the status quo only as to those portions of the regulations while such review and possible rewrite happens; and

WHEREAS, the City needs time to prepare, review and consider the effects of certain types of signs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, that the temporary moratorium currently in effect and set to expire on March 3, 2024, is hereby amended to be applicable only to the following portions of the sign regulations: wall signs painted on the exterior of the building or through the use of alternatives to paint such as vinyl or similar materials. It is further amended to extend the expiration date for the acceptance and issuance of new sign permit applications for the said limited portions of the sign regulations up through and including May 6, 2024.

ITS IS SO RESOLVED THIS ___ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

By: _____
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Csukas, City Clerk