

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Tyree Goodlett, Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller. Council member Dennis Mock attended via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pennington called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed General Fund, Debt Service, Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue Funds 2024 Budgets at 6:01. CFO Cindy Jackson reviewed each of the budgets and the Special Revenue Funds. Jackson stated adoption of this budget will take place on December 6, 2023. The hearing closed at 6:10. A copy of the proposed budget is a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Kathryn Sellers asked the Mayor and Council for an additional \$50,000 for the Library. Sellers stated she has also asked Whitfield County Government for an additional \$100,000. Mayor David Pennington stated that as part of the most recent service delivery agreement with the County, the City allowed for the special tax district (which included the library) to be dissolved. He explained that dissolving the special tax district means all county residents, including city residents, now pay to fund the library through their County M&O taxes. Based on this fact, Mayor Pennington explained that it was understood that all future additional funding for the library should come from Whitfield County since City residents are paying for their portion of the library through their County taxes.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RECOGNITION OF GRPA STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Recreation Director Caitlyn Sharpe recognized the players of the 12 and Under GRPA State Volleyball Champions. Sharpe additionally thanked the parents and coaches for their support and participation.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 23-24 – CLOSING PORTION OF ALABAMA STREET

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Second Reading of Ordinance 23-24 – Closing Portion of Alabama Street To Make Findings of Fact Concerning the Public Use and Necessity of a Section of Alabama Street for Public Transportation; To Declare the Closing of Such Portion of Alabama Street; To Authorize Delivery of a Quitclaim Deed of Any Interest of The City of Dalton Except Retention of An Easement for Utility Infrastructure to Adjacent Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Ordinance was adopted. The vote was

unanimous in favor.

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RESOLUTION 23-24 – ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFICATION

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the following Election Results from the November 7, 2023 General Election:

Mayor - Dalton

Jason Burgin 65

Tom Causby 819

Annalee Harlan Sams 1,906

Total Votes 2,790

Alderman Ward 1 - Dalton

Dennis Mock (I) 2,350

Total Votes 2,350

Special Alderman Ward 2 - Dalton

Nicolas "Nicky" Lama 1,656

Tyler J. Mitchell 509

Peter Pociask 435

Total Votes 2,600

Alderman Ward 3 - Dalton

Tyree Goodlett (I) 2,327

Total Votes 2,327 Total

Muni Board of Education (Johnson) - Dalton

John "Tulley" Johnson (I) 1,237

Laura Orr 1,104

Pablo Perez 391

Total Votes 2,732

Muni Board of Education (Sanders) - Dalton

Sam Sanders (I) 2,269

Total Votes 2,269

RESOLUTION 23-24 – ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFICATION Continued

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted and the Results were ratified. The vote was unanimous in favor. Parker stated a Runoff Election will be held December 5, 2023 for Dalton School Board position held by John Tulley Johnson against Laura Orr.

DEMOLITION AGREEMENT & EASEMENT FOR 313 N. GLENWOOD AVENUE

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented a Demolition Agreement and Easement for the removal of an abandoned and dilapidated signage located at 313 North Glenwood Avenue. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Agreement and Easement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MUNICIPAL COURT CONTRACT FOR THE DALTON CONVENTION CENTER

Municipal Court Administrator Jason James presented a renewal contract to hold Municipal Court at the Trade Center for January 2024 to June 2024. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the renewal contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPOINTMENT – DALTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the Reappointment of Danny Morgan to the Airport Authority for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2028. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AIRPORT CHANGE ORDER REQUESTS WITH NWGP

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented the Airport Change Order Requests with NWGP for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Ramp Rehab Project in the amount of \$931,816.89. Wiersma stated the contractor encountered very poor subgrade conditions on both phase 1 and 2 of the project when the proof roll test and failed, the amendment will be included soil cementing the subgrade and then paving can be installed. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the renewal contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

David Pennington, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____