

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2020

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Annalee Harlan, Derek Waugh, Tyree Goodlett, and Gary Crews, City Administrator Jason Parker and City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the August 17, 2020 agenda with (3) additions:

1. Resolution 20-14 – Authorizing the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund
2. Resolution 20-15 – Requiring the use of mask/face coverings on City property
3. Ordinance 20-13 – Requiring mask/face covering in public

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Citizen Jessica Hocker came before the Mayor and Council to bring awareness to the ramifications of having a cashless economy in the city of Dalton where businesses no longer accept cash/coins but only electronic means of payment. Hocker stated that she wanted to ensure that the City of Dalton does not veer away from cash/coins to only electronic payments.

Cashless economy is an economic system where small amount of cash is used in transactions. Cashless economy is based on transactions made by credit cards, debit cards, wallets or digital modes. ...

PROCLAMATION

Constitution Week - September 17-23, 2020 - Kathryn Sellers & Dell Bailey, DAR

The Mayor and Council proclaimed September 17-23, 2020 as Constitution Week in the City of Dalton and urged all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

ORDINANCE 20-12

The Mayor and Council reviewed the rezoning request from Lorenzo Valencia and Gracia Barragan to rezone from Transitional Commercial (C-4) to General Commercial (C-2) a tract of land totaling 0.41 acres located at 915 S. Hamilton Street.

NWGRC Asst. Planning Director Ethan Calhoun addressed the Mayor and Council stating that the Staff recommends approval of the C-2 rezoning at this location with a detailed parking plan to be submitted prior to the approval/denial by the City to ensure adequate parking be made for the proposed event center.

After a lengthy discussion concerning a previous property rezoning request in the same area, on the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the request with the stipulation and condition that a privacy fence be added to the property. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 20-14 – CRF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

City Administrator Jason Parker presented a Resolution Of The City Of Dalton To Authorize The Execution Of The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Terms And Conditions Agreement; To Authorize The Acceptance Of Grant Payments in the amount of 1.7 million dollars, Including All Understandings And Assurances Contained Within Such Agreement; To Direct And Authorize The Person Identified As The Official Representative Of The City, Or The Designee Of The City To Act In Connection With The Grant Application; And To Provide Such Additional Information As May Be Required. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Waugh, the Council adopted the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CDBG CARE's ACT FUNDING

Chief Financial Officer Cindy Jackson presented the CDBG CARE's Act funding to provide meals to low-income Dalton residents located in the census tract code areas 0010.00 and 0004.00. Jackson stated that the meals will be provided at Mack Gaston Community Center and Dalton Housing Authority for a period of 20 days starting 8/31. Jackson further stated that the cost of the Meals Program Agreement is \$30,400.00 each for Oakwood Café and The Filling Station. On the motion of Council member Waugh, second Council member Harlan, the agreements were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

*note, the agreement presented in the agenda packet to the Mayor and Council was for \$27,400 each. The price was increased by \$3,000.00 each to have the meals packaged.

AGREEMENT WITH DEO CLINIC TO MANAGE LATINO OUTREACH PROGRAM TO MITIGATE IMPACT OF COVID-19 VIRUS

City Administrator Jason Parker presented the Agreement with DEO Clinic to Manage Latino Outreach Program to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 Virus. Parker explained Dalton's Latino community is disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, and there is a need to quickly mobilize a short-term, highly focused initiative to address the educational and testing needs of Latino residents in the community.

Parker stated the agreement with DEO Clinic is to manage three temporary employees who will provide education and raise awareness of the Latino residents in the City of Dalton on ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19; to facilitate testing for the presence of the COVID-19 virus; and to perform "Contact Tracing" services for those who may have been in Close Contact with a patient who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Parker further stated the funding in the amount of \$50,000 covers the personnel costs of the employees, as well as the administrative costs to DEO Clinic.

Dr. Pablo Perez stated to the Mayor and Council that he will lead a group of 3 temporary employees to facilitate training, testing, and contact tracing to the Latino residents in the community.

Councilmember Goodlett asked Dr. Perez if anyone would be able to go to the DEO Clinic and be able to test for COVID-19. Dr. Perez answered that they would, and stated the program would be focused in education throughout the Hispanic community. He further stated they would do testing from 6am – 8pm at the Mack Gaston Community Center.

Councilmember Waugh asked Dr. Perez if the program would allow access to the "quick saliva" test. Dr. Perez said the rapid test has just recently been approved by the FDA and it is not available in our region yet. Dr. Perez further stated although private lab test companies are getting better with the turnaround of the results, it is also important to "identify, isolate, do contact tracing and educate" in order to slow the spread of the virus.

City Administrator Jason Parker asked if the Mack Gaston Community Center would be the only available spot for testing or if testing would be done at other multiple locations. Dr. Perez said the intention is to go where people congregate and that on Sundays, in collaboration with the Health Department, they plan to do massive testing / educating. On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 20-15 – REQUIRING THE USE OF MASK/FACE COVERINGS ON CITY PROPERTY

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 20-15 – Requiring the use of mask/face coverings in property owner or leased by the city during the covid-19 outbreak. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 20-13 – REQUIRING MASK/FACE COVERING IN PUBLIC

The Mayor and Council reviewed Ordinance 20-13 Requiring mask/face covering in public, drafted by the Georgia Municipal Associations within the realm of the State of Georgia Governor's executive order. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council tabled the ordinance for further review. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

David Pennington, Mayor

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