

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2025

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Nicky Lama and Steve Farrow, Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. Council members Dennis Mock and Tyree Goodlett and City Administrator Andrew Parker were absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

There were no Public Comments

**STAFF REPORTS**

There were no Staff Reports

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION - DPRD STATE SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS**

Recreation Athletics Manager Victor Rodriguez presented Certificates of Achievement to the players of both the soccer and volleyball teams. He congratulated each team member for earning the titles of 2025 GRPA 12U Soccer State Champions and 2025 GRPA 12U Volleyball State Champions, respectively.

**MINUTES**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Work Session Notes of December 1, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the notes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Meeting Work Session Minutes of December 8, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE 25-24 – REZONING REQUEST OF WAYNE BURGESS**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented a Second Reading of Ordinance 25-24 a request from Wayne Burgess to rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.25 acres located at 913 Riverbend Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-255-03-028). Pangle stated the plan is to demolish the old single-family house and build a duplex. Pangle further stated the Planning Commission gave a unanimous favorable recommendation. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the Rezoning request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**RENEWAL OF (2) 2026 ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS WITHOUT CHANGES**

Assistant City Clerk Gesse Cabrera presented the following renewal alcohol applications without changes:

- FAMILY DOLLAR #20036 1210 E. MORRIS ST.
- JIM'S LIQUOR 1507 E. WALNUT AVE

On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the applications were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**REVIEW OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION HEARING DECISION REGARDING ALL AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT, LLC D/B/A BIG TIME BILLIARDS**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle reported that the Public Safety Commission determined A Big Time Billiard to be in violation of the Alcohol Beverage Code due to sales to underage individuals. The Commission recommended a \$1,000 fine, as outlined in the ordinance, along with payment of court costs, including court reporter fees, incurred as a result of the violator's request for a hearing. Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrow, seconded by Councilmember Lama, the Council unanimously approved the recommendation from the Public Safety Commission. Mayor Sams, Councilmember Lama, and Councilmember Farrow voted in favor.

**CHEROKEE MECHANICAL CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented Change Order #3 from Cherokee Mechanical to insulate buffer tank by stripping insulation and fab cloth from tank and reinsulate with 1" elastomeric foam at a cost of \$3475.00. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Change Order was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE WITH THE EMERY CENTER, INC.**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the First Amendment to the Lease with the Emery Center, Inc. Pangle stated the amendment simply extends the previous lease with no changes. Pangle additionally stated the lease is for (2) years and will expire December 31, 2027. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**RESOLUTION 25-26 EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented Resolution 25-26 Extending the Moratorium on the Opening of Certain Businesses until March 31, 2026. Pangle stated it is a large undertaking and the request is for additional time for completion. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**RESOLUTION 25-27 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL PROPERTY EASEMENT**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented a Resolution 25-27 authorizing a Municipal Property Easement. Pangle stated the property in question is located in Toombs County and is city-owned, under the control of Dalton Utilities. Pangle continued, stating the city holds a partial ownership in partnership with Georgia Power. Pangle explained that Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting bridge work on adjacent land and has requested a driveway easement to improve access to their worksite. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

*Note: Request was Approved by the Water, Light & Sinking Fund Board and Georgia Power, a co-owner of the property.*

**RESOLUTION 25-28 ADOPTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN PENSION PLAN BENEFICIARIES**

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented Resolution 25-28 adopting a Cost of Living Adjustment for Certain Pension Plan Beneficiaries. Pangle stated this will be a one percent cost of living for our retirees and will be applicable to all retirees who retired prior to January 1st of 2024 which will be effective January 1, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mayor Sams, Councilmembers Lama and Farrow voted aye.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City offices will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Friday, December 26, 2025 for the Christmas holidays and Thursday, January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2026.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Goodlett the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:21 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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