

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2025

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

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 Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Sams recognized Dalton Parks and Recreation Department's 10U and 12U Co-ed 2024 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association's State Soccer Champions. Recreation Director Steve Roberts and DPRD Athletic Coordinator Victor Rodriguez introduced each player.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 24-35 - REQUEST OF ED STATEN

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Second Reading of Ordinance 24-35 a request from Ed Staten to rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.38 acres located on 1112 Riverbend Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-255-03-022). Parker stated both the Planning Commission and staff had a positive recommendation. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 24-36 - AMEND UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE OF WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Second Reading of Ordinance 24-36 to Amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia; To Provide an Effective Date; To Repeal All Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; And for Other Purposes. Parker stated the City of Varnell has requested to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance by reducing the permitted building height from 140 feet to 50 feet in the General Commercial (C-2) District of Varnell only. Parker also explained that the ordinance amends the unified zoning ordinance by deleting section 4-6-28, which previously required an additional public hearing for a specific use for drug treatment facilities per State Law requirements (Act 594), On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 25-01 - ANNEXATION REQUEST GREG TOWNSEND

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a First Reading of Ordinance 25-01 a request from Greg Townsend to annex 0.35 acres located at 1223 Covie Drive, Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcel 12-184-01-035 as Low-Density Single Family Residential (R-2) into the City of Dalton. Parcel (12-184-01-035). Mayor Sams stated this is a first reading.

DALTON PICKLEBALL COMPLEX CHANGE ORDER REQUEST #1

Recreation Director Steve Roberts presented Design Services Change Order Request #1 for the Dalton Pickleball Complex in the amount of \$58,720. Roberts stated the bids received were all over the budget allocated for the project. Roberts stated the pickleball committee supports making value engineering changes to the design and to rebid the project in hopes that the changes will result in the project being within budget. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Change Order was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT - SALE AND PURCHASE OF 607 N. ELM STREET

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented an Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate for Permanent Stormwater Drainage Easement at 607 N. Elm Street (H.C. Brooker & Sons, LLC Parcel 12-200-10-004). Townsend stated the acquisition of easements are required to facilitate the North Glenwood Avenue stormwater improvement project. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

WEST FRANKLIN STREET AND VALLEY DRIVE STORMWATER BYPASS SYSTEM

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a consideration for a contract award to Wright Brothers Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,191,164.00 for West Franklin Street and Valley Drive Stormwater Bypass System Dalton Project No. PW-2024-BD-161-2. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Mock, the contract award was approved. Council members Mock, Lama and Goodlett voted aye, Council member Farrow recused himself.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FOR 114 N. PENTZ STREET

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe presented a Settlement Agreement and Release for 114 N. Pentz Street. Bledsoe stated the property sustained water damage and the City sought insurance proceeds. Bledsoe further stated this Agreement provides for payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the City by Arch Insurance Company for the damage and represents full and final settlement of the claim. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-01 TO SUPPORT CREATION OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 25-01 To Support the Creation of a Community Improvement District. Parker stated if approved, provides support for local legislation for the creation of a Community Improvement District (CID) in the City of Dalton. Parker stated the creation of a CID is a mechanism for funding certain governmental services, infrastructure and other services. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

BOARDS & AUTHORITIES, MAYORAL, AND MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following appointments:

		<u>Motion</u>
Housing Authority-Resident Member	Barrett, Brenda	Mock, Farrow
Tree Board	Stearns, Chris	Mock, Goodlett, Farrow Recused
Tree Board	Blaylock, Ron	Mock, Goodlett
Tree Board	Poehlman, John	Mock, Goodlett
Tree Board	Hallsworth, Nancy	Mock, Goodlett
Tree Board	Edwards, Patricia	Mock, Goodlett
Recreation Commission	Whittle, Allison	Mock, Lama
WL&SF Commission	Thompson, Tommy	Farrow, Lama
Public Safety Commission / Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Farrow, Lama
Trade Center Authority	Kinsey, Mike	Farrow, Mock
Library Board	Zeisig, Margaret	Farrow, Goodlett
Mayor Pro-tem	Goodlett, Tyree	Lama, Farrow

A complete list is a part of these minutes with terms and expiration dates.

The Mayoral Appointments are also a part of these minutes. A complete list of the new appointees and expiration dates are included.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City government offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The next City Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

Recorded
Approved: _____
Post: _____

Boards & Authorities

Type	Appointment	New Member	Current Member	Term	New Expiration	Expiration
Development	Authority	TBD	TBD	6 Year		2/1/2023
Housing	Authority-Resident Member	Barrett, Brenda	Barrett, Brenda	1 Year	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Tree	Board	Stearns, Chris	Stearns, Chris	3 Year	12/31/2027	12/31/2024
Tree	Board	Blaylock, Ron	Blaylock, Ron	3 Year	12/31/2027	12/31/2024
Tree	Board	Poehlman, John	Poehlman, John	3 Year	12/31/2027	12/31/2024
Tree	Board	Hallsworth, Nancy	Norville, Rita (Unexpired Term)	Balance		12/31/2025
Tree	Board	Edwards, Patricia	Ester, Will (Unexpired Term)	Balance		12/31/2026
Recreation	Commission	Whittle, Allison	Whittle, Allison	5 Year	12/31/2029	12/31/2024
WL&SF	Commission	Thompson, Tommy	Killings, Jackie	5 Year	12/31/2029	12/31/2024
Public Safety	Commission / Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	1 Year	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Trade Center	Authority	Kinsey, Mike	Kinsey, Mike	1 Year	2/1/2026	2/1/2025
Library	Board	Zeissig, Margaret	Compton, Ann	Balance		3/2/2026

MAYORAL

Type	Appointment	New Member	Current Member	New Expiration	Expiration
Airport	Mayoral	Lama, Nicky	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Building	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Building	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Convention Visitors	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Creative Arts Guild	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Defined Contribution Committee	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Downtown Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
DWCDC	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	All Council Members	All Council Members	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Housing	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Joint Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Library	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
MPO Policy	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Municipal Court	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Pension	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Pension	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Public Safety	Commission / Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Lama, Nicky	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Recreation	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Regional Development	Mayoral	Gowin, Kenny	Gowin, Kenny	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Parker, Andrew	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
TAD Policies	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Technology	Mayoral	Lama, Nicky	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Trade Center	Mayoral	Lama, Nicky	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
Tree	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
WL&SF	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2025	12/31/2024

Miscellaneous

Type	Appointment	New Member	Current Member	Term	New Expiration	Expiration
Miscellaneous	Mayor Pro-Term	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	1 Year	12/31/2025	12/31/2024