

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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, Tyree Goodlett, Gary Crews, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**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 Agenda dated September 7, 2021 with the exception of Item #6 entitled Resolution 21-07 Consideration of Letter of Intent to extend lease of Dalton Aircraft, LLC., which was removed from the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2021.

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**PROCLAMATION - MR. NORBERTO REYES DAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The Mayor and Council proclaimed September 17-23, 2021 as Norberto Reyes Day in honor of his incredible contributions to our city and his motto that Dalton is one community, not a divided community.

Many of Mr. Reyes family and friends were in attendance.

**ORDINANCE 21-18 - FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VI "FRANCHISE FEES"**

The Mayor and Council held a first reading of Ordinance 21-18 to Make Technical Amendments to That Ordinance of The City of Dalton Adopting Article VI "Franchise Fees" Of Chapter 118 "Utilities" of The Revised Code of The City of Dalton; To Provide an Effective Date; To Repeal Any Contrary Provisions Heretofore Adopted; To Provide for Severability; And for Other Purposes. CFO Cindy Jackson stated these are technical amendments as required by Georgia Power, and the ordinance will also change the start date of imposition of franchise fee from 07-01-2021 to 10-01-2021.

**FY21 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #3**

CFO Cindy Jackson presented FY21 General Fund Budget Amendment #3 to incorporate various contracts adopted, adjust projected to actual for period certain, other agency funding, and costs associated with COVID outreach and treatment initiative. They are as follows:

- (1) Sales tax (\$483,000) and TAVT (\$87,000) actual revenue exceeded budget through July collections
- (2) Actual transfer fee per Dalton Utility audit below amount budgeted
- (3) Commercial Package insurance actual over budget \$13,570
- (4) Bonus paid to employees that did not receive hazard pay (\$1,000 each 2 pro-rated)
- (5) Contract approved on 8/16/21 with the Mercer Group for Recreation Director search for \$21,600; Fee charged by VALIC when switching to Empower for DCP \$2,500
- (6) Result of increasing the amortization period from 10 to 20 years for City's defined benefit pension plan
- (7) Services and expenses for COVID outreach in Latino community approved at Finance Committee meeting 8/12/21
- (8) Services and expenses to cover COVID outreach at Hamilton Medical & Convention Center
- (9) Services and expenses to cover Dalton State College vaccination event
- (10) Funding for the Thrive Regional Partnership approved at the Finance Committee meeting on 8/12/21
- (11) Donation to Junior Achievement
- (12) Funding approved 3/16/20 for participation in the Georgia Young Gamechangers – funds not required until 2021
- (13) Funding approved 12/7/20 for construction of facility at Burr Park – funds not required until 2021
- (14) Dalton Utility rate differential from City to County water residents to cover maintenance cost of City hydrants
- (15) Miscellaneous costs including Public Service Announcement cost of \$4,175 associated with COVID outreach initiative
- (16) Donation pledge from Community Foundation for COVID efforts

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved the Amendment. The complete Amendment is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**ORDINANCE 21-19 THE REQUEST OF JEVORIS BLACKWELL TO REZONE FROM MEDIUM-DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-1)**

The Mayor and Council reviewed Ordinance 21-19 The request of JeVoris Blackwell to rezone a tract of land totaling 0.13 acres located at 840 McAfee Street. Parcel (12-218-02-069) from Medium-Density Single-Family Residential (R-3) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1. On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the request was approved. Mayor Pennington, Council member Crews and Harlan voted aye, Council member Goodlett recused himself.

**RESOLUTION 21-07 - CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF INTENT TO EXTEND LEASE  
OF DALTON AIRCRAFT, LLC.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR DFD STATION 2**

Chief Todd Pangle presented a request for replacing the current roof covering at station 2 located on Abutment Road by Alpha Commercial Roofing in the amount of \$73,019.42. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Harlan, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**TASK ORDER 001A – AMENDMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER  
001 WITH ARCADIS U.S., INC. FOR PRATER ALLEY AREA DRAINAGE STUDY**

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved Task Order 001A in the amount of \$57,605.00 to be paid out of the 2015 SPLOST. Public Works Engineer Jackson Shepherd stated the Order will address the development of construction plans for a new detention pond on the property adjacent to City Hall. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**CHANGE ORDER 001 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEWIS &  
ASSOCIATES LAND SURVEYING, LLC FOR THE CITY OF DALTON AQUATIC  
CENTER ADDITIONAL SURVEY**

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved Change Order 001 to Professional Services Agreement with Lewis & Associates Land Surveying, LLC for the City of Dalton Aquatic Center Additional Survey to facilitate the design of the Aquatic Center in the amount of \$8400.00. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**RATIFICATION OF MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF DALTON AND WHITFIELD  
COUNTY**

The Mayor and Council reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dalton and Whitfield County for the distribution and administration of Monoclonal Antibody Therapy to address medical cases of Covid 19 within the inmate population in the Whitfield County Correctional Center. On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council ratified the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**APPOINTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council appointed Alex Brown to the Public Safety Commission to fill an unexpired 5-year term to expire December 31, 2025 that was previously held by Dr. Luis Viamonte. 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 6:29 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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David Pennington, Mayor

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