

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – MAYOR DAVID E. PENNINGTON

City Administrator Andrew Parker stated in looking back over the last (4) years of Mayor Pennington's tenure, the City has achieved many of the goals the Mayor set forth including and in conjunction with the Council, reducing property taxes each year, growing the sales tax base, providing leadership thru the Covid pandemic and updating the storm water infrastructure to the 21st century, Parker continued stating that thru the Mayors leadership the City has reestablished Dalton Parks and Recreation and added Code Enforcement to transform the City's overall look. Parker voiced the entire staff appreciated his vision and leadership and he will be missed. City Clerk Bernadette Chattam presented Mayor Pennington with a plaque with the encryption "For Outstanding Public Service as Mayor of the City of Dalton 2020-2023".

Chamber of Commerce Director Jason Mock expressed the Chamber's gratitude to Mayor Pennington for his service and leadership to the community.

Whitfield County Chairman Jevin Jensen presented Mayor Pennington with a token clock gift for the Mayor's timeliness of each of meeting. Jensen also expressed his appreciation for the City of Dalton and Whitfield County's partnership under his leadership.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-26 – RUNOFF ELECTION CERTIFICATION

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the following Resolution 23-26 entitled Runoff Election Certification:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, Georgia duly assembled on Tuesday December 19, 2023, for the purpose of declaring the results of the City of Dalton Runoff Election held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 after consolidation of the returns of this election, do hereby declared the results of the same as follows:

- FOR Dalton Board of Education (John Tulley Johnson):

John Tulley Johnsonreceived 481 votes.

Laura Orrreceived 430 votes.

We declare **John Tulley Johnson** as duly elected Dalton Board of Education Member. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT & QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR 701 GREENWOOD DRIVE

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Temporary Construction Easement & Quit Claim Deed for 701 Greenwood Drive. Townsend stated the temporary construction easement is to complete elements of the Ridge Street Stormwater bypass project that encroaches into the property and the Quit Claim deed is for half of the unopened Ridge Street right of way. Townsend stated the temporary construction easement is valid through the completion of construction of the Ridge Street Stormwater Bypass project. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Easement and Deed were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH DATA & SOUND SPECIALTIES, INC., FOR CAMERA AND ACCESS CONTROL PROJECT

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the General Construction Agreement with Data & Sound Specialties, Inc. for the Camera and Access Control Project in the amount of \$65,000.00. Pangle stated the agreement is to install new cameras and a new door access control system at City Hall and at the Police Department. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRIME ENGINEERING FOR PICKLEBALL SITE ANALYSIS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Professional Services Agreement with Prime Engineering for Pickleball Site Analysis in the amount of \$19,500.00. Parker stated the Agreement is to provide engineering design services for site analysis involving fifteen (15) pickleball courts and a restroom building on two city owned properties. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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FY-23 BUDGET AMENDMENT #6

CFO Cindy Jackson presented Budget Amendment #6 to adjust revenue line items and departmental budgets. A copy of this complete amendment is a part of these minutes. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS

Mayor Pennington thanked everyone for the well wishes and expressed how proud he is of the men of women that make the City of Dalton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City government offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 and Tuesday, December 26, 2023 for the Christmas holidays and Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2024.

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: _____