

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Council members Denise Wood, Annalee Harlan, Tyree Goodlett and Gary Crews, City Administrator Jason Parker, City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn and several department heads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dennis Mock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda, on the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the agenda was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATION - EMPLOYEE LEARNING WEEK - DECEMBER 2-6, 2019

Doug Dillard, Director of Membership

The Mayor and Council proclaimed December 2-6, 2019 as Employee Learning Week in the City of Dalton and designated this time for organizations to recognize the value of employee learning.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Octavio Perez addressed the Mayor & Council regarding the ongoing issues dealing with Unified Zoning, specifically spot zoning. Perez stated that he had reported to the Mayor and Council on April 15, 2019 and was told that the City is checking on the issues with the Building Inspector but after speaking with Building Inspection, Perez stated that is not the case. Perez stated he just needs to know if the City is going to deal with this issue or not?

City Administrator Jason Parker stated to Perez that at the last meeting the City stated they were in discussions with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Parker stated reviewing the unified zoning plan, other related problems, and in addition to what you have raised, is a lengthy process for resolution.

Perez reminded that prior to the Unified Zoning being adopted he made the City aware of several discrepancies and the Mayor and Council at the time stated that they would review these discrepancies case by case after adoption. However, he stated the City did not look at all angles prior to adoption.

Mayor Mock stated that he has talked to the Chattanooga Building and Zoning Department and they will give Dalton some ideas on what they are doing to make neighborhoods better.

Director of Tourism Margaret Thigpen reminded everyone that GRPA – Georgia Recreation and Parks Association will be in the Dalton community until Thursday and asked all to welcome them.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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Ed Painter addressed the Mayor and Council from a citizen point of view stating that he could not understand why the City and County can't solve their issues regarding the Service Delivery Agreement. Painter stated the end result could leave lasting wounds, Painter stated it's like football, it's a team sport and the city and county should be a team to benefit the community as a whole.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor and Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW PARKER AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council appointed Assistant Public Works Director Andrew Parker as the Director of Public Works. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Parker stated thank you for the opportunity and he looks forward to continuing to deliver high quality service to the community.

RESOLUTION 19-13 SUPPORTING LOCAL DESIGN STANDARDS

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 19-13 Supporting Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings. Octavio Perez requested City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn to read paragraph 2 and 4 of the Resolution and explain. Attorney Vaughn stated that House Bill 302 prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances or regulations relating to or regulating building design elements as applied to one or two-family dwellings. Gandhi further stated the resolution will allow the city of Dalton to continue to adopt and enforce its on ordinances when it comes to local building. On the motion of Wood, second Harlan, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2019 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following 2019 alcohol application:

Business Owner: Jaime Barragan & Javier Barragan
d/b/a: Alondra's # 2
Applicant: Kristina Barragan
Business Address: 101 W. Walnut Ave Suite 9
Type: Pouring Beer
Disposition: New

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council approved the application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA, INC.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement for the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia requiring an onsite storm water management facility prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the property. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the agreement is a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION 19-16 DEDICATION OF WAUGH STREET BRIDGE IN HONOR OF BENNY J. DUNN

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 19-16 regarding the dedication of the Waugh Street Bridge in Honor of former Public Works Director Benny Dunn for a combined 54 years as a public Servant with both the City and Georgia Department of Transportation. Dunn served as the project engineer for the Waugh Street Bridge which opened to traffic in October 1973. On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Goodlett, the resolution was adopted. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Dennis Mock, Mayor

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Approved: _____

Posted: _____