

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

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session this evening beginning at 5:15 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.

AGENDA REVIEW

The Mayor and Council reviewed the items on the agenda.

UPDATE FROM DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

George Woodward from the Housing Authority came to the Mayor and Council to present recent updates made to the Dalton Housing Authority. Woodward stated the presentation is to show the good work that is going on in the housing authority including the preventative maintenance initiative. Woodward also stated that the Authority wanted to show their appreciation for the City of Dalton's CDBG funding that has been instrumental. Woodward introduced Board Members David McKone, Amber Verner and Antoine Simmons.

David McKone presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled Dalton Housing Authority "A look at our Progress". The presentation outlined improvements and upgrades of several housing authority properties. The improvements include new roofs, attic insulation, new windows and storm doors, bathroom remodels, central heat and air systems, painted exteriors and landscaping. McKone stated that with improvements, the Authority hopes tenants will experience lower utility bills in the future.

Board member Amber Verner outlined the section of the presentation that expounded on the resident outreach, mobile food pantry and the multiple outreach events each year for residents including the resident appreciation events.

Council member Denise Wood stated that she appreciates the outreach to the residents.

McKone additionally defined a new program the Housing Authority has started that gives new residents one month free rent so that they can pay the deposit to Dalton Utilities for electricity. David stated that Dalton Utilities' formula is to take the highest (2) months of usage in the prior year to decipher the deposit. McKone stated in some cases the deposit equals more than a month's rent. McKone further stated that residents cannot afford the deposit so the housing authority has been subsidizing the cost at up to 4,000 - 5,000 thousand dollars a month.

UPDATE FROM DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Continued

Council member Annalee Harlan asked Council member Crews (liaison to the Water Light and Sinking Fund Commission) if he would bring to the attention of Dalton Utilities to review/revise the formula for the initial hookup given the formula is for non-subsidize housing but the housing authority is subsidized. Council member Crews agreed to do so.

Resolution 19-13 Resolution Supporting Locally-Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings

City Administrator Jason Parker explained that some members of the Council met with the local realtors association to review their issues and concerns with the resolution as written. Parker stated after some minor modifications, the resolution is ready for the Councils review.

Storm water Maintenance Agreement

Humane Society of Northwest Georgia Inc.

Public Works Director Andrew Parker explained the City actually owns the property that the Humane Society sits on located at the corner of Veterans Drive and Hale Bowen Drive. Parker stated the City leased the property to the Joint Development Authority and in turn they subleased the property to the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia. Parker stated the Storm water maintenance agreement is required for all new builds. Parker stated it requires the owner to maintain the storm water maintenance improvements that is required to obtain a certificate of occupancy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Dennis Mock, Mayor