

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2025

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Nicky Lama, Dennis Mock, 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 Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Harry Patel and several package liquor store owners asked the Mayor and Council to consider a limit on the number of liquor stores that can open in the City of Dalton given that there are currently 14 stores already.

Allyson Coker gave an update on the Believe Greater Dalton including a magazine that served to reflect on 2023-2024 and cast a vision for continuing progress in 2025 and beyond.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no Staff Reports.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of May 5, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 25-12 – REZONING REQUEST FOR ROBERTO SILVA

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Second Reading of Ordinance 25-12 a request of Roberto Silva to rezone from Medium Density Single Family Residential(R-3) to Transitional Residential (R-6) a tract of land totaling 0.55 acres located at 1213 Hair Street, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-217-03-003). Parker stated both the Staff and Planning Commission recommended approval. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett the rezoning request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ESTES & WALCOTT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented an Engagement letter with Estes & Walcott for Audit Services outlining the scope and terms of the audit services for the year ended December 31, 2024. Parker stated the previous audit engagement letter has expired and the cost is \$85,000.00 which is the same as the previous letter. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett the Engagement letter was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2025-2026 CLASSIC MAIN STREET MOU

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the 2025-2026 Classic Main Street MOU. Parker stated the City enters into an agreement with Georgia DCA Office of Downtown Development for the local Main Street Program whereby DCA provides services in return for active participation in the Georgia Classic Main Streets Program. Parker stated the agreement shall be valid through June 30, 2026. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett the MOU was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-07 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF LIEN FOR 1505 W. WALNUT AVENUE

Code Enforcement Supervisor Dan Lewallen presented the release of a lien for 1505 W. Walnut Avenue. Lewallen stated the Mayor and Council approved a demolition agreement for the abandoned commercial signage. Lewallen continued stated that Public Works has removed the sign and the property owner has reimbursed the City. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett the release of the lien was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CHANGE ORDER #2 ON HANGAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented Change Order #2 on the Hangar Development Project at the Airport. Wiersma stated the Change Order adds 2-foot width to the existing the building to accommodate a less expensive door manufacturer. Wiersma stated the cost is \$13,018 and is covered by Change Order #1 savings. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Mock Change Order #2 was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER #4 ON RUNWAY REHAB PROJECT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented the Ratification of Change Order #4 on Runway Rehab Project. Wiersma stated the change order provided additional safety markings on the runway in the amount of \$3960.00 which is covered by the project underrun. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett Change Order #4 was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GDOT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT ON HANGAR DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented GDOT Supplemental Agreement on Hangar Development Funding at Airport. Wiersma stated the agreement with GDOT included the requested AFY25 funding in the amount of \$500,000 to complete the hangar project. Wiersma further stated the local match for the City is \$166,667. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett supplemental agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GDOT FUNDING CONTRACT FOR TAXIWAY AND ELECTRICAL REHAB AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented GDOT Funding Contract for Taxiway and Electrical Rehab at the Airport. Wiersma stated the contract is to rehab taxiways, replace airfield lighting, wind cone, PAPI's, beacon and all electrical components. Wiersma further stated the total project funding of grants is \$3,645,555.55 including a required local match of \$717,611.54. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett the contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH TCA CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL REHAB AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented a construction contract with TCA Contractors, Inc. to complete electrical rehabilitation on the runway and taxiways at the Airport in the amount of \$1,272,175.00. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Mock the contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GDOT FUNDING CONTRACT FOR MALSR APPROACH LIGHT REHAB AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented a GDOT Funding Contract for MALSR Approach Light Rehab at the Airport in the amount of \$900,000 to replace a failing MALSR approach light system. Wiersma stated the local match is 25% of the actual project cost. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow the contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Lama the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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