

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 30, 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, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and Ken Mishoe from the City Attorney Office. Councilmember Dennis Mock attended via zoom.

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 Lama, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Jim Black asked the Mayor and Council to consider adding bike lanes.

AK Demirhat addressed the issue of delivery trucks not being able to deliver to his business due to limited parking. Mr. Demirhat stated he posted no parking signs so that he could have deliveries made to his restaurant. However, he stated, he was informed that he could not post private parking signs on City property and asked for direction as to how deliveries can be made to his restaurant.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no Staff Reports.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of June 16, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 25-15 - AMENDING CHAPTER 50 CAPTIONED "ENVIRONMENT"

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adopted the Second Reading Ordinance 25-15 to amend Chapter 50 Of The 2001 Revised Code of The City of Dalton, Georgia Captioned "Environment" by Amending Section 50-209 Captioned "Minimum Requirements for Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Using Best Management Practices"; To Provide for An Effective Date; To Provide for The Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; And for Other Purposes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REVIEW OF (2) NEW 2025 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATIONS

Assistant City Clerk Gesse Cabrera presented the following New 2025 Alcohol Beverage Applications:

Business Owner: GG Dalton Holdings, LLC
d/b/a: Courtyard Dalton
Applicant: Anish Govan
Business Address: 785 College Dr.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Hotel)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None.
PSC Recommendation: ☒ Approve

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

Business Owner: KC and Brothers, LLC
d/b/a: Dalton Food Mart
Applicant: Sunil KC
Business Address: 1002 Underwood St.
License Type: Package Beer, Wine (Retail Store)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None.
PSC Recommendation: ☒ Approve

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DALTON SERENITY CLUB

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dalton Serenity Club. Parker stated the MOU is to continue to support opioid recovery for local citizens and provide \$13,000 in funding to support their ongoing Narcotics Anonymous and other opioid recovery programs for the next 12 months. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the MOU. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CARTER HOPE CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Carter Hope Center. Parker stated the MOU is to support opioid recovery for local citizens and provide \$24,000 in funding (\$2,000 per month) to W.O.L., Inc. d/b/a Carter Hope Center for their ongoing Narcotics Anonymous and other opioid recovery programs for the next 12 months. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the MOU. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-09 CREATING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 25-09 Creating a Moratorium on the Opening of Certain Businesses which would enact a temporary moratorium of six (6) months on the approval of new Regulated Businesses outline below:

- Businesses that engage primarily in the retail sale of low THC oil, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, products containing cannabidiol (CBD), alternative nicotine products, and vaper products (collectively “Vape Shops”)
- Adult entertainment establishments
- Event centers
- Extended stay hotels
- Stores that operate coin operated amusement machines (COAM)
- Massage Parlors
- Pawnbrokers, pawn shops, and title pawn stores (“Pawn Businesses”)

Parker stated the City will analyze certain code sections in order to revise and implement ordinances and regulations which may be necessary to maintain the health, morals, safety, security, peace and general welfare of the City. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MILLAGE RATE

Finance Director Cindy Jackson presented the 2024 Millage rate of 1.527 for the final 2024 tax digest which is the calculated rollback rate. Jackson stated the 2023 Millage rate was 1.936 which is a net tax decrease of \$197,607 or -2.282%. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the 2024 Millage rate was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-10 CERTIFYING ESTIMATED 2025 ROLLBACK MILLAGE RATE

Finance Director Cindy Jackson presented Resolution 25-10 certifying the estimated 2025 Rollback Millage Rate. Jackson stated with the passage of HB581 (2024) and HB 92 (2025), HB581 created the estimated roll-back rate, designed to provide local governments with more flexibility in accurately previewing that year’s millage rate to the property owner on their “notice of assessment”. Jackson continued stating that HB 92 added a deadline by which the estimated roll-back rate must be provided and added a fallback provision if a jurisdiction fails to certify and provide an estimated roll back rate. Jackson noted the estimated rollback millage rate is 1.6 mills for the 2025 tax digest. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-11 TO ADOPT THE 2025 - 2026 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Finance Director Cindy Jackson presented Resolution 25-11 to adopt the 2025 - 2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan. Jackson stated HUD requires Entitlement Communities to prepare and approve an Annual Action Plan for the five years under the Consolidated Plan in order to establish activities associated with priorities designated under the Consolidation Plan. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Action Plan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE – NO PARKING - TRAMMELL, CLARK & W. HAWTHORNE STREETS

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Traffic Control Change that includes No Parking on both sides of the streets for Trammell Street from West Waugh Street to Clark Street and for Clark Street from approximately 220 ft. west of its intersection with W. Hawthorne Street due to the location's proximity to the Trammel Street – Clark Street intersection. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the Traffic Control Change. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR SALE & PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE - 616 N. ELM STREET

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented an Agreement for the Sale & Purchase of Real Estate - 616 N. Elm Street in the amount of \$2500.00. Townsend stated this easement acquisition will facilitate the Glenwood Avenue stormwater improvements project and will allow the new drainage infrastructure to be installed. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the purchase. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RATIFICATION OF GEORGIA APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION PRE-APPLICATION FOR PROJECT FUNDS FOR PHASE I OF THE EAST MORRIS CORRIDOR PROJECT

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a pre-application for Project Funds for Phase I of the East Morris Corridor Project. Townsend stated the City was presented with an opportunity to secure grant funding in the amount of \$2 million from the Appalachian Regional Commission and a pre-application was submitted to attempt to secure the funding. Townsend further stated this project is designed to improve the sidewalk connectivity from 5th Avenue to Walnut Avenue. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the submission of the pre-application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CHANGE ORDER #3 HANGAR DEVELOPMENT AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented Change Order #3 Hangar Development at Airport. Wiersma stated that due to a change in engineer, the general contractor is sub-contracting with a structural engineer for drawings of the foundations of each hangar building. Wiersma stated the cost is \$3,225.00 and it is within the project budget. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Change Order. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST GEORGIA PAVING

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Release and Settlement Agreement with Northwest Georgia Paving to resolve a legal dispute regarding work quality on the fence installation at Heritage Point Soccer Complex. Parker stated a number of fence posts started to lean and it was determined the posts were not installed as per the plan specification. Parker further stated the contractor agreed to the settlement terms and have started corrective work. Parker noted the settlement agreement releases the contractor of future responsibility as to the fence only. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Release and Settlement Agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH SAGES NETWORKS, INC., - CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORTING SOFTWARE

Code Enforcement Supervisor Dan Lewallen presented a contract with Sages Networks, Inc., for Code Enforcement Reporting Software. Lewallen stated the upfront cost is \$6667 for 2025 which includes data migration and beginning in 2026 a cost of \$4000 annual with a rate lock through 2029. Lewallen stated the existing case management/reporting software contract ends November 2025. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Contract. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 25-16 – REZONING REQUEST - SEBASTIAN ARROQUI

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading of Ordinance 25-16 a Request from Sebastian Arroqui To Rezone from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) To Rural Residential (R-5) A Tract of Land Totaling 1.74 Acres Located on Trammel Street and Jones Street, Dalton, Georgia. Parcels (12-182-02-024, 12-182-02-025, 12-182-02-019, 12-182-02-012, 12-182-02-013, And 12-182-02-014). Assistant Planning Director Ethan Calhoun stated the request received a positive recommendation from Staff and the Planning Commission.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 25-17 - REZONING REQUEST - OCTAVIO PEREZ

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading Ordinance 25-17 a Request from Octavio Perez To Rezone from High Density Residential (R-7) To General Commercial (C-2) A Tract of Land Totaling 0.70 Acres Located At 501 N. Hamilton Street, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-200-24-000). Assistant Planning Director Ethan Calhoun stated the request received a positive recommendation from Staff and the Planning Commission.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 25-19 - TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading of Ordinance 25-19 - To Amend Chapter 6 Of The 2001 Revised Code Of The City Of Dalton, Georgia Captioned “Alcoholic Beverages by Adding A New Section 6-113 Captioned “Package Stores”; By Reserving Sections 6-114 Through 6-140 For Future Use; By Amending Section 6-107 Captioned “Disqualification Generally” By Striking, Repealing And Deleting Subsection (3) In Its Entirety Subsection And Substituting In Lieu Thereof A New Subsection (3); To Provide For An Effective Date; To Provide For The Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide For Severability; And For Other Purposes.

City Administrator Andrew Parker stated the ordinance is to address a concern brought forward to the Mayor and Council regarding limiting the number of liquor stores within the City of Dalton.

REAPPOINTMENT – LIBRARY BOARD

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council reappointed Judy Jolly to the Library Board for a 3-year term to expire June 30, 2028.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Sams announced City government offices will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day. The next City Council meeting will be held Monday, July 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Goodlett the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____