

THE CITY OF DALTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Mayor and Council held a meeting on December 9, 2025 in the 2nd Floor East Conference Room at City Hall, which began at 4:30p.m. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmember Dennis Mock, Councilmember Nicky Lama, Councilmember Tyree Goodlett, Councilmember Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker, Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle, and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second by Councilmember Lama, and unanimous vote, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda.

BOARD TRAINING

Mayor Sams began the discussion by explaining that there are many citizen board volunteers who may not have had prior experience with requirements for government meetings or service on government boards and that a standard process for onboarding these individuals would benefit City and these individuals. The Mayor and Councilmembers then discussed items of particular concern for training and beginning service, including avoiding conflicts of interest, knowledge of the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act, requirements for a quorum, and state and local ethics requirements. A discussion also occurred regarding the need for some board members to have some basic information on human resources issues and that all board members need to know who to contact in the event of a question on a variety of issues. Resources were discussed, including those provided by the Georgia Municipal Association, and the staff members were requested to begin formalizing a plan for training that would include board chairs and liaisons as the initial contacts.

REVIEW OF BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sams began the discussion by reviewing all current boards, authorities, and commissions. A discussion occurred regarding the purpose of each such entity, whether each such entity was active and currently meeting, and the knowledge and experience which would be helpful for service on each such entity. The Mayor and Councilmembers then reviewed a list of boards with vacancies and members who have terms expiring in the near future. A discussion occurred regarding the process for filling vacancies, and all elected officials were asked to begin considering names for filling the vacancies or potential vacancies discussed, which will occur at a future Mayor and Council meeting. No specific action was taken at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Sarah Miller stated that she had recently received two property tax bills, and she expressed her concerns over assessments and the property tax system. Ms. Miller was provided with information on resources for assistance and she was given the contact information of City staff members who will follow up with her on these issues.

at 7:42p.m. upon the motion to adjourn of Councilmember Farrow, second by Councilmember Lama, and unanimous vote.

Annalee Sams, Mayor

Attest:

Tyree Goodlett, Mayor Pro Tempore