

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett, 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 Mock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Council member Farrow, the agenda was amended and approved to add “Special Recognition” prior to the Public Commentary. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor and Council held a moment of silence for Mooney Chitwood. The moment of silence was to honor Mr. Chitwood’s legacy and service to the community and his service as Councilman for the City of Dalton in the 1960’s.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Octavio Perez addressed the Mayor & Council with several items including: (1) inquiring if the downtown deck will be rebuilt and if so suggested it should be 2 or 3 stories to mitigate parking issues, (2) Asking Council to consider off-street parking requirement on the 900 S. Hamilton Street project and (3) questioned why Dalton Utilities lobby is closed to customers. Dalton Utilities CEO John Thomas addressed Mr. Perez’ comments. The entire discussion can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK9hf0ixJQM&ab_channel=CityofDaltonGeorgia

Mayor Sams stated City Staff is currently studying downtown parking needs and will make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Special Recognitions

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented each participant and coach in the age group of 8 & under and 10 & under with certificates in recognition for being the 2023 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Soccer State Champions.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called meeting minutes of January 17, 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the minutes were amended and adopted to include Council member Lama’s additional comments regarding Ordinance 24-03. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico for the City of Dalton’s July 4th’s firework display show in the amount of \$30,000.00. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Council member Farrow asked if the display could be brought back to John Davis. Sharpe stated the code would not allow it but the department has looked at alternative locations such as the fairgrounds.

NEW 2024 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following New 2024 Alcohol Beverage Application:

Business Owner:	Billares La Cueva, LLC
d/b/a:	Billares La Cueva
Applicant:	Angel Hernandez
Business Address:	1107 East Walnut Ave.
License Type:	Pouring Beer
Disposition:	New

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Alcohol Beverage Application was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS AUTOMATED PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Chief Cason presented the Blue Line Solutions Automated Photo Enforcement Services Agreement to install APE systems in the Dalton High School and Roan Street school zones. Cason stated that the system will enhance current efforts to reduce speeding violations and accidents within these school zones.

Council member Farrow stated he has concerns regarding the operational hours, and why Attachment A of the contract was left blank. Chief Cason stated it will only be in use during school hours, not after school, weekends, holidays, snow days etc. Chief Cason additionally stated although the department is asking for approval today, the specific times of implementation will be added to the contract at a later date when the determinations are made by the School System. Chief Cason additionally stated at best, this project would not be operational until the upcoming school year. After discussion, on the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-04 THE REQUEST OF THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REZONE FROM TRANSITIONAL COMMERCIAL (C-4) TO URBAN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (U-PUD)

Ethan Calhoun, Assistant Planning Director presented Ordinance 24-04 a request of the Joint Development Authority to Rezone from Transitional Commercial (C-4) to Urban Planned Unit Development (U-PUD) Tracts of Land Totaling 3.19 Acres Located along South Hamilton Street, Nichols Street, and Cherokee Street. Parcels (12-257-07-055, 12-257-07-057, 12-257-07-065, 12-257-07-064). Calhoun stated the Planning Commission noted there will be a minimum of (2) off street parking spaces per unit for the proposed development. City Administrator Andrew Parker stated the Ordinance in the packet does not include the condition of (2) spaces per unit because Staff feels like the conditions can be met in the site plan development. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-03 TO DISSOLVE THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 24-03 to dissolve the Animal Control Board. Parker stated this Board is no longer active and plans moving forward would be to adopt a Unified Animal Control Ordinance and Board with Whitfield County. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-04 TO DISSOLVE THE BUILDING CODE APPEALS BOARD

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 24-04 to dissolve the Building Code Appeals Board. Parker stated this Board is no longer active and the Resolution delegates authority to the Board of Zoning Appeals. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-05 TO DISSOLVE THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 24-05 to dissolve the Grievance Committee. Parker stated only a certain percentage of employees are eligible for a grievance hearing. After review, staff feels the Charter and the Employee Manual provide for certain types of grievances to be heard by other entities specially by PSC, M&C and or staff. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-06 TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TO DALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 24-06 Transferring Property to Dalton Board of Education. City Administrator Andrew Parker stated the tennis courts were transferred to the City of Dalton in 2007 however thru research, Staff could not ascertain why. Parker further stated the School system is prepared to renovate the courts since Dalton Recreation Department does not utilize them. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Councilmember Farrow the Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-07 TO ADOPT ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented Resolution 24-07 to adopt an ADA Transition Plan. Pangle stated this Plan is to ensure all facilities and programs offered by the City are available to everyone. Pangle stated the plan also ensures the City's compliance with GDOT for funding purposes. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Plan was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONFLUENCE DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR CITY BRANDING PROJECT

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented a proposal for City Branding by Confluence Design. Pangle stated the design services is part of the upcoming Branding Project. Pangle further stated the outcome of this project is intended to provide the City with a refreshed logo, a brand style and communication document layouts. Pangle continued stating the brand style will provide the city with a common color palette, typefaces and usage rules for such. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Proposal was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RATIFY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ARBITRAGE GROUP, INC.

CFO Cindy Jackson presented an Engagement Letter with The Arbitrage Group, Inc. to perform rebate calculation in regards to the Dalton Building Authority Revenue Bonds Issue 2021 and 2022 as a part of Post Issuance Compliance due diligence. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT #1 WITH GDOT FOR RAMP REHAB AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented the Supplemental Funding Agreement #1 with GDOT for Ramp Rehab at Airport. Wiersma stated the original contract was executed on March 27, 2023. Wiersma stated that during construction, soils were found to be much poorer than originally anticipated by the geotechnical exploration and subsequent project design. Wiersma further stated significant undercutting of bad soils was required and additional federal grants were available to cover the cost of the added work items. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. Note: no local share required

BION CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2024

IT Director Jorge Paez presented a Bion Cybersecurity Professional Services Agreement 2024. Paez stated the professional service will help and guide the city's IT Department in deploying networking equipment to best practices in security. Paez further stated the agreement is NOT to exceed \$19,000 overall. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Mock, the agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CYBERSECURITY STATE GRANT – MOU

IT Director Jorge Paez presented a Cybersecurity State Grant Memorandum of Understanding from the Department of Homeland Security to help address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned/operated by state, local territorial governments. Paez stated the MOU is to initiate the process of receiving a grant for the cybersecurity program. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the MOU was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INTERDEV PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2024

IT Director Jorge Paez presented InterDev Professional Services Agreement 2024 for deployment of GIS services internally across the City of Dalton departments. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

THREATLOCKER SOFTWARE AGREEMENT

IT Director Jorge Paez presented Threatlocker Software Agreement, a cybersecurity software developing firm that emphasizes on zero trust technology and framework. Paez stated the software will aide the IT department in auditing the data storage services. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sams read into the record the following Mayoral Appointments for 2024

Historic Preservation	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	1 Year	12/31/24
Land Bank	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Expired	1 Year	12/31/24
Land Bank	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Expired	1 Year	12/31/24

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the following Board Appointments were approved:

Development	Authority	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Edwards, Larry	6 Year	2/1/23
Library	Board	Compton, Ann	Compton, Ann	3 Year	3/2/26
Convention Visitors	Bureau	Rodriguez, Josafat	Bobo, Kim	2 Year	12/31/25
Housing	Authority-Resident Member	Barrett, Brenda	Lester, Anita	1 Year	12/31/24
Housing	Authority	Simmons, Antoine	Simmons, Antoine	5 Year	12/31/28
Public Safety	Commission	Jackson, Lane	Walker, Anthony	5 Year	12/31/28
Historic Preservation	Commission	Long, Zac	Lewis, Joanne	3 Year	2/1/27
Tree	Board	Blaylock, Ron	Purvis, Pete	Balance	12/31/24

The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____