

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 20, 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 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 Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Andrew Moore inquired about the scope and timeline of construction of John Davis Recreation Center.

City Administrator Andrew briefed Mr. Moore on the project.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2024. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

CFO Cindy Jackson presented FY-2024 Budget Amendment #2 as follows:

General Fund

- (1) To Adjust for TAVT and sales tax over budget
- (2) To Adjust for interest income in excess of budget
- (3) To adjust to amounts provided by Dalton Utilities
- (4) To cover increase in commercial insurance
- (5) Transfer to Dalton Housing Authority for support of low-income development
- (6) To budget for infrastructure at South Hamilton Development
- (7) To purchase ADFA equipment for Emery Center
- (8) For discretionary spending
- (9) To move all legal fees into a non-departmental budget
- (10) To fund Pentz – Cuyler streetscape project (25% grant funded) and turf infields at HP Complex (67% grant funded) improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grant
- (11) Local Match of 16% for resurfacing of airport runway with state and federal funding of \$5,033,000 and total project cost of \$6m
- (12) Reclaim transfer due to paving bids coming in under budget
- (13) Reclaim transfer due to receipt of SPLOST funds not moved to sinking fund

2021 Bonded Capital Project Fund

- (1) Reallocation of funds transferred from general fund in 2023 for bonded projects to the grant fund for HP Park fields and streetscape

Grant Fund - ARPA

- (1) Additional funding needed to cover actual cost as opposed to estimated cost Street scrape total cost = \$8.5m Heritage Point Park total cost = \$3.3m

FY-2024 Budget Amendment #2

Continued

Grant Fund - Airport

- (1) Local Match of 16% for resurfacing of airport runway with state and federal funding of \$5,033,000 and total project cost of \$6m

2020 SPLOST Fund

- (1) Reallocate funding sources for John Davis Recreation and Street Paving

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this complete amendment is a part of these minutes.

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENT WITH FELKER CONSTRUCTION FOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE JOHN DAVIS RECREATION CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment with Felker Construction for Renovations and Additions to the John Davis Recreation Center. Parker stated the GMP is \$11,643,333.00 with the funding source coming from the 2020 SPLOST, Bond Fund, and General Fund. Parker further stated the construction timeline with substantial completion is August 31, 2025. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GEO-HYDRO ENGINEERS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - JOHN DAVIS RECREATION CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker Geo-Hydro Engineers Professional Services Agreement for Construction Testing Services at John Davis Recreation Center. Parker stated this service is critical to ensure aspects of the project are constructed to the required specifications. Parker stated the cost is \$56,661.20 with the funding source coming from the 2020 SPLOST. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH SPORTS FIELDS, INC. - HERITAGE POINT REGIONAL PARK

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented the Contract with Sports Fields, Inc., for Baseball and Softball Turf In-Fields for Heritage Point Regional Park. Sharpe stated of the proposals received, Sports Field received the highest of responses. Sharpe continued stating the funding source is the OPB Grant and Bond Fund for Matching Funds at a cost of \$3,068,890.00 with a substantial completion date of no later than 02/28/2025. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH DALTON CONVENTION CENTER FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Contract with Dalton Convention Center for Human Trafficking Training. Parker stated the City is coordinating with Hamilton Medical Center staff to host the conference at the Dalton Convention Center July 30-August 1, 2024 at a cost of \$22,356.54 to be paid from the Opioid Settlement Funds. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE 24-14 TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE 2001 REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA CAPTIONED

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe presented the First Reading – Ordinance 24-14 to amend Chapter 2 of the 2001 revised code of the City of Dalton, Georgia captioned "Administration"; to provide for an effective date; to provide for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; to provide for severability; and for other purposes. Bledsoe outlined the following changes to Chapter 2 entitled "Administration":

- Proposed revision to Chapter 2 of City Code (Administration) to conform to the new City Charter
- Revisions include:
  - Deleted all references because some are outdated, and all are unnecessary
  - Deleted the items that are covered in the new charter
  - Updated language such as alderman to councilmembers, chairmen to chairpersons, etc.
  - Made the public works and finance committees match current practices
  - Added section 2-61 of oaths of members of commissions, authorities, and boards as the new charter indicates an ordinance would be enacted for this.
  - Added the Public Safety Commission in 2-63 with requested changes (5 total members including 1 member of M&C and 1 former public safety employee).
  - Affirmed the Recreation Commission, which was actually created by a resolution in 1956.
  - Deleted section banning smoking on city property as this is now covered by state law.
  - Made edits to Match current HR practices regarding setting salaries
  - Updated numbering

Ordinance 24-14 is a first reading. No action needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - POTENTIAL LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Council adjourned in to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. for potential litigation and personnel matters. The vote was unanimous in favor. This concluded the regular meeting.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Annalee Sams, Mayor

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