

**THE CITY OF DALTON
EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 25, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Dalton Employees' Pension Plan was held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present for the meeting were Chairman Gary Hill, Trustees Dwayne Carvell, Mike Sloan, Vernon Ray. Chairman of the Water, Light & Sinking Fund Commission Joe Yarbrough, Mayor David Pennington and Council member Annalee Harlan Trustees were absent.

MINUTES

The Trustees were presented written copies of the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2021. On the motion of Trustee Sloan, second Trustee Ray, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS - APRIL 30, 2021

Hilda Thompson from SEAS reported on the April 30, 2021 Investment Performance Analysis report. Thompson stated the Plan had another good quarter and great month of April. Thompson stated the Plan ended the month with \$148.7 million which is an all-time high.

Thompson spoke additionally on the asset allocations stating that both Vanguard and MetLife each has half of the Plan's assets, additionally stating that both firms have some stocks and some bonds and it's been a good balance of the asset allocation of the portfolio.

Actuary Assumption

Thompson reported that April has been incredible stating that the Total fund Return for April is 3.22% and the YTD is 5.7%. Thompson stated that the actuary assumption is 6.75% which puts the plan 1% away from the actuary assumption for the year.

On the motion of Trustee Carvell, second Trustee Sloan, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ATTORNEY UPDATE

There was no attorney update.

RETIREES

Byron Duncan - Dalton Utilities

(1) On the motion of Trustee Ray, second Trustee Carvell, the Board ratified payment to Byron Duncan - Dalton Utilities. Copies of the application for retirement, retirement benefit calculations and Authorization to Commence Retirement Payment forms are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Wade B. Hart - Dalton Utilities

(2) On the motion of Trustee Ray, second Trustee Carvell, the Board ratified payment to Wade B. Hart - Dalton Utilities. Copies of the application for retirement, retirement benefit calculations and Authorization to Commence Retirement Payment forms are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INVOICES

The Trustees reviewed the following invoices, on the motion of Trustee Sloan, second Trustee Ray, the invoices were approved:

- Southern Actuarial Services invoice for 1/1/21 actuarial valuation (\$15,000.00)
- Invoices #209 and #210 (\$2,040.00 ea.) for April & May SEAS services.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIREMENT (MBR) CALCULATION UPDATE

Wally Wilson of Seas asked the Board to turn to page 65 of the agenda packet regarding the MBR Calculations. Wilson stated as a result of the Contract with MetLife, for a number of years, retirees were being paid with a true annuity contract from MetLife. Wilson stated that as a result, MetLife required the plan to keep a minimum amount of assets to cover the contractual liabilities. Wilson stated the MBR will continue to decrease as retirees under the annuity contract come off the plan. Wally stated the MBR calculation for 03/31/21 is \$26,175,738 with an excess in assets of \$38,861,151.

Wilson further stated the City has been making substantial contributions to the fund over the years and the contribution was enough to pay for the benefit and expenses of the fund. However Wilson stated with the reduced amount the City will contribute in the future, the benefits and expenses will start to exceed the contributions. Wilson reported that should that happen the Board could liquidate some of the excess assets to pay for benefits/expenses. On the motion of Trustee Ray, second Trustee Sloan, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REPORTS

Comparative financial report for period ended 3-31-21.

Financial Report for 4-30-21

First Quarter Minimum Balance Requirement - MetLife

Market Indices Performance - March 31, 2021

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hill thanked everyone for coming. There being no further business to come before the trustees, the meeting was adjourned at **3:25** p.m.

Gary Hill, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mike Sloan, Secretary

RECORDED

APPROVED