

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Annalee Harlan, Gary Crews, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller. Council member Tyree Goodlett was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Agenda dated November 15, 2021 was approved with an amendment to add the appointment to the Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Patricia Edwards and Nancy Williams from the Library Board requested additional funding from the City of Dalton.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Crews, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATION – HOSPICE MONTH

The Mayor and Council proclaimed November 22, 2021 as Hospice Month and urged all government agencies, community organizations, and citizens of Dalton to participate in related activities and to support hospice and the vital services it offers our community during the month of November and throughout the year.

RESOLUTION 21-13 – ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFICATION

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council certified the following Election Results from the Municipal Election held November 2, 2021:

- FOR City Council Ward 1 (Special):
Dennis Mockreceived 1793 votes.

- FOR City Council Ward 2:
Annalee Harlan (I)received 1482 votes.
Rodney C. Millerreceived 610 votes.

- FOR City Council Ward 4:
Gary D. Crews (I)received 1013 votes.
Steve Farrowreceived 1061 votes.

- FOR Dalton Board of Education (Evans):
Matt Evans (I)received 1767 votes.

- FOR Dalton Board of Education (Griffin):
Palmer Griffin (I)received 1408 votes.
Manuel J. Mezareceived 659 votes.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

OATH OF OFFICE - DENNIS MOCK, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1

City Attorney Terry Miller administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Dennis Mock for Ward 1. Council member Mock took his seat.

RENEWAL OF AETNA EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Human Resources Director Greg Batts presented the Renewal Agreement for the City’s Aetna Employee Assistance Program (EAP) from 01-01-2022 to 12-01-2024. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Agreement was approved.

RESOLUTION 21-14 – FORMER EMPLOYEES MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 21-14 regarding Former Employees Major Medical Insurance Plan to Replace the Existing Group Health and Major Medical Insurance Plan for Retired Former Employees of The City of Dalton With an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (“the Plan”) For Such Eligible Persons and Beneficiaries; To Authorize Establishment of The Plan; To Provide Effective Dates; And for Other Purposes. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council approved the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH ONE ALLIANCE D/B/A HRA SIMPLE FOR HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Human Resources Director Greg Batts presented the Agreement with Health One Alliance d/b/a HRA Simple for Health

Reimbursement Account for retired former employees at a rate of \$5000 for implementation and \$30.00 per retiree, per month. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council appointed Council member Harlan to the Defined Contribution Committee as the elected official. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

CFO Cindy Jackson presented FY 2021 Budget Amendment #4 to record insurance reimbursement for wrecked fire department vehicle, porta-toilet at Convention Center for Regeneron treatment event, and FY 21-22 CDBG annual entitlement allocations. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Crews, the amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGES – PUBLIC WORKS

T. Jackson Sheppard, E.I.T., Project Engineer at Public Works, presented the following Traffic Control Changes:

- Section of Spencer Street Two Lane Residential No Parking in Southbound Lane
- Section of Castle Road Two-Lane Residential No Parking on Both Sides
- One-Way West Bound Entering on Ashworth Drive, and Exiting South Bound Off Dude Street

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Traffic Control Changes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 21-20

The Mayor and Council held a first reading of Ordinance 21-20 To Make Findings Concerning the Public Use and Necessity of a Section of Cuyler Street, To Consider the Vacating and Abandonment of The Public Interest in And to The Said Section of Cuyler Street for Public Transportation Use; To Declare the Closing of Such Section of Cuyler Street, To Authorize of a Quitclaim Deed of Any Interest of The City of Dalton Except Utility Easements to Adjacent Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes.

APPOINTMENT – WATER, LIGHT, & SINKING FUND COMMISSION

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council re-appointed Joe Yarborough to the Water, Light, & Sinking Fund Commission. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that City of Dalton government offices will be closed November 25-26, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:28 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. no action was taken. 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

David Pennington, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Posted: _____