

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Tyree Goodlett, Dennis Mock, Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATION – CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Pennington presented a proclamation to IT Director, Jorge Paez and the IT Department for Cybersecurity Awareness Month for the month of October 2023. Mayor Pennington encouraged all citizens and residents to share helpful cybersecurity prevention tips and resources with friends and family, especially vulnerable groups like seniors.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 23-19 – REPEAL ARTICLE II “TAXICABS”

The Mayor and Council reviewed Ordinance 23-19, an Ordinance to Repeal Article II “Taxicabs” Of Chapter 126 “Vehicles for Hire” Of The 2001 Revised Code of Ordinances of The City of Dalton; To Make Findings of Fact; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Contrary Laws and Ordinances of The City of Dalton; And for Other Purposes. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the Ordinance 23-19 as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2023 NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATIONS

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the following New Alcohol Beverage Applications were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

1. Business Owner: Appalachian Ale House, LLC
d/b/a: Appalachian Ale House, LLC
Applicant: Lynnette Thomison
Business Address: 265 N. Hamilton St.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Lounge/Tavern/Pub)
Disposition: **New**

2. Business Owner: Lin Mongolian Grill Plus Inc.
d/b/a: Lin's Mongolian Grill
Applicant: Jim Wu Lin
Business Address: 1223 Cleveland Hwy.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine (Restaurant)
Disposition: **New**

FY-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT #5

CFO Cindy Jackson presented the FY-2023 Budget Amendment #5. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the following FY-2023 Budget Amendment #5 was approved:

❖ General Fund

1. Sales tax for 9/22 - 8/23 for coding error by the Georgia Department of Revenue
2. Insurance reimbursement for 2022 claim for Mack Gaston gym floor damage
3. Professional fees for the City Charter and Code update
4. Contracted services for defined contribution plan administration (\$15k) and drug testing (\$15k) erroneously omitted from 2023 budget
5. To cover administrative fees
6. Agreement to subsidize Emery Center utility costs

❖ 2020 SPLOST Fund

1. Additional SPLOST revenue received over amount estimated
2. Additional interest earned from SPLOST deposits over estimated

❖ 2020 Bond Fun

1. Additional interest earned due to increase in interest rates
2. Project bids came in \$160k over budget
3. Reallocate funds to Lakeshore track resurfacing

❖ Capital Improvement Fund

1. Reallocation of funds to Lakeshore Track resurfacing project

❖ Debt Service Fund

1. Adjust to additional interest earned from increasing interest rates
2. Adjust to cover administrative costs

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MILL LINE CHANGE ORDER #3

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved mill line change order #3. Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe stated Change order #3 includes additional excavation and material that will add a 2' of paving for the east and west trails. Sharpe stated it will also change the width of the entire paved path from 8' to 10' with a 1' grassed shoulder on each side. Sharpe further stated that due to removing a boardwalk from the scope of work, there would be a credit of \$73,762.00. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CGI COMMUNITY SHOWCASE VIDEO PROGRAM RENEWAL

The Mayor and Council reviewed the renewal agreement for CGI Communications, Inc. A Community Video Program to update video content on the City of Dalton's website with subject matter to include, but not limited to Education, Mayoral welcome, Healthy Living, Homes/Real Estate, etc., at no cost to the City. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-19 – ALTERNATIVE PROBATION SERVICES

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 23-19 to accept the request of Alternative Probation Services, Inc. to terminate immediately its probation services agreement with the city of Dalton and municipal court of Dalton, Georgia. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GEORGIA PROBATION SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the probation services agreement contract with Georgia Probation Services Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RIDGE STREET STORMWATER BYPASS SYSTEM DALTON PROJECT NO. PW-2023-BD-161 CONSIDERATION FOR CONTRACT AWARD TO B AND J REED CONSTRUCTION, LLC

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved and awarded Ridge Street Stormwater Bypass System to "B and J Reed Construction, LLC" in the amount of \$1,162,961.75. Council member Goodlett and Mock and Mayor Pennington voted aye. Council member Farrow recused himself. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 23-20 REZONING – CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANS / TVFCU

Ethan Calhoun of the Whitfield County Planning & Community Development presented Ordinance 23-20 a request from Construction Consultants, on behalf of TVFCU to rezone a tract of land totaling 2.0 acres located at 914 Vista Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-163-05-008) from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to General Commercial (C-2). On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 23-21 REZONING – OAKWOOD PROPERTY GROUP LLC

Ethan Calhoun of the Whitfield County Planning & Community Development presented Ordinance 23-21 a request from Oakwood Property Group LLC to rezone a tract of land totaling 2.25 acres total located at 203 S. Glenwood Avenue, Dalton, Georgia. Parcels (12-219-20-002, 12-219-20-003, and 12-219-20-004) from General Commercial (C-2) to Central Business District (C-3). On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Mock, the request was approved with the stipulation for the developer to add “off-street parking”. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 23-22

The Mayor and Council reviewed the First Reading of Ordinance 23-22. An Ordinance to Regulate the Use and Placement of Unattended Donation Drop Boxes Within the City of Dalton; To Prohibit Use and Placement Except as Provided Herein; To Set Servicing Standards for Any Permitted Drop Box; To Provide Penalties for Violation; To Establish an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council nominated and appointed Council member Dennis Mock as Mayor Pro tempore. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

David Pennington, Mayor

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Approved: _____
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