

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Council Members Denise Wood, Annalee Harlan, Tyree Goodlett and Gary Crews, City Administrator Jason Parker, City Attorney James Bisson and Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe and several department heads.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

T.J. Kaikobad thanked the Mayor and Council, City Administrator Jason Parker and Public Works for the new LED lights downtown.

Cathy Holmes expressed her disappointment to the Mayor and Council regarding the increase in the FY2019 Budget and no budget cuts.

David Pennington submitted stats and a copy of (2) articles, (1) America's 42 Poorest Cities listing Dalton, Georgia as #16 and (2) an article entitled "The Amazon HQ2 Fiasco Was No Outlier". Pennington expressed his disappointment with an increased budget over last year's budget.

Rob Bradham expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council of their investing in Downtown Dalton.

Council member Denise Wood stated although the budget will be voted on, it's still a work in progress and the council will continue to look at efficiency.

Mayor Dennis Mock stated that instead of certain citizens criticizing the Mayor and Council for their efforts to progress Dalton, offering a solution to managing the decline of Dalton (as stated by some citizens) would be more helpful.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Work Session Minutes, Executive Session Minutes, and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2018. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Wood, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 18-14 ADOPTION OF FY2019 BUDGET

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 18-14 Adoption of FY2019 Budget for the General Fund, Debt Services, Capital Projects, and Special Revenue Funds. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the FY2019 Budget. A copy of the budget in its entirety is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TWO LOAN AGREEMENTS THROUGH THE CITY'S 2014 (CHIP) COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The Mayor and Council reviewed (2) Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Loan Agreements for (1) Mary C. Terry in the amount of \$64,044 and (2) Mary E. Rivers in the amount of \$79,374.00 thru the City's 2014 Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community HOME Invest Program. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the agreements were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the agreements are a part of these minutes.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DALTON-WHITFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation for the Shelter Plus Care Program. The commitment letter requested by HUD annually for the Shelter Plus Care Grant for grant match. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH COMANCHE CONSTRUCTION OF GA, LLC FOR THE GORDON STREET BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT OVER CSX AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Wood, the Mayor and Council approved the Contract with Comanche Construction of GA, LLC to perform repairs to the Gordon Street Bridge Repair Project over CSX and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the amount of \$499,500.00 to be paid for with the 2015 SPLOST. A copy of this complete packet is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH PONT ENGINEERING TO DEVELOP REPAIR PLANS FOR CHATTANOOGA AVE BRIDGE OVER MILL CREEK (PHASE 2 OF 2)

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Agreement with Pont Engineering to develop detailed structural inspection repair plans for the Chattanooga Ave Bridge over Mill Creek (Phase 2 of 2) in the amount of \$11,715.14. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE CONTRACT

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Amendment to Municipal Court Judge Contract which increased the annual salary from \$4916.00 monthly to \$5300.00. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Wood, the amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

OATH OF OFFICE – MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR

Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Susan Beck as the prosecuting attorney in the City of Dalton Municipal Court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Dalton government offices will be closed December 24-25, 2018 for the Christmas holidays.

RECOGNITION

The audience and Mayor and Council recognized James C. Bisson. Bisson is retiring from being City Attorney for the City of Dalton effective December 31, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Dennis Mock, Mayor

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