

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Mayor Pennington closed out his final meeting and newly elected Mayor Annalee Sams took over the helm and called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office – Annalee Harlan Sams

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Annalee Harlan Sams. A copy of the Oath of Office is a part of these minutes.

Oath of Office – Dennis Mock, Councilmember Ward 1

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council member Ward 1 Dennis Mock. A copy of the Oath of Office is a part of these minutes.

Oath of Office – Tyree Goodlett, Councilmember Ward 3

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council member Ward 3 Tyree Goodlett. A copy of the Oath of Office is a part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Council member Farrow, the agenda was approved and an additional item was added “Swearing in of Mayor Pro-tem”.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Joint Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Minutes of December 19, 2023. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2023. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-01 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL UTILITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 24-01 Authorizing Municipal Utility Property Disposition in which Pinnacle Dev, LLC requested to purchase Land Lot Nos. 17 and 18 of the 24th District and 2nd Section of Gilmer County Georgia from Dalton Utilities at a price of \$24,000.00. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-02 DESIGNATING BANK OZK

CFO Cindy Jackson presented Resolution 24-02 Designating Bank OZK, as a Depository of Public Funds of the City; Establishing Signatories Thereto; and Authorizing Certain Employees to Take Limited Action with Respect to City Accounts. Jackson stated the Resolution will change the signatory of former Mayor David Pennington to Mayor Annalee Sams. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-01 – REZONING REQUEST OF CARLOS DANIEL MIRANDA

Ethan Calhoun, Assistant Planning Director presented Ordinance 24-01 a request from Carlos Daniel Miranda to rezone from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) to Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) a tract of land totaling 0.43 acres located at 1123 Trammell Street, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-182-02-033). On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ORDINANCE 24-02 THE REQUEST OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALONG WITH THE CITIES OF DALTON AND VARNELL TO AMEND THE UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE

Ethan Calhoun, Assistant Planning Director presented Ordinance 24-02 the request of Whitfield County Board of Commissioners along with the Cities of Dalton and Varnell to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance to create a new Urban Planned Unit Development (UPUD) zoning district. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett UPUD zoning district was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Police Chief Cason presented the Dalton Police Departments Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. Chief Cason stated the Police Department is required by the Department of Justice to submit an annual equitable sharing report. Chief Cason further stated the document allows DOJ to verify the expenditures for auditing purposes. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - 2024 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Whitfield County, the City of Dalton, the City of Tunnel Hill, the City of Varnell and the Town of Cohutta for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds From the 2024 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects. Parker stated the projected SPLOST will raise an approximate amount of \$80,000,000 over four (4) years. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Intergovernmental Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AGREEMENT

Court Administrator Jason James presented the 2024 Municipal Court Judge Agreement with Robert Cowan setting forth all terms, conditions and obligations of the parties. James corrected the Agreement stating there is an error in the Agreement that states the sum per month is \$4916.67 but it should be \$5300.00. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AGREEMENT

Court Administrator Jason James presented the Municipal Court Prosecuting Attorney Agreement naming Susan Beck as the prosecuting attorney of the City of Dalton Municipal Court and setting forth the terms of the agreement. James stated Beck's commencement will begin January 8, 2024 and shall continue until December 31, 2024. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER AGREEMENT

Court Administrator Jason James presented the Municipal Court Public Defender Agreement naming Giles Jones as the public defender for the City's Municipal Court at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. James stated this agreement sets forth the terms and agreement. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sams read into the record the Mayoral Appointments for 2024. A complete list of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Board Appointments were approved as submitted. A complete list of these appointments is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, Rob Cowan was appointed Municipal Court Judge with the term expiring 12-31-2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, Council member Tyree Goodlett was appointed Mayor Pro-tem. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, Matt Daniel was appointed Fire Marshall with the term expiring 12-31-2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, Jonathan Bledsoe was appointed City Attorney with the term expiring 12-31-2024. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, Matt Daniel was appointed as Fire Chief for a (2) year term to expire 12-31-2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Mock, Cliff Cason was re-appointed as Police Chief for a (2) year term to expire 12-31-2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Oath of Office – Tyree Goodlett

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro-tem Tyree Goodlett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City offices will be closed Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr day. The Mayor and Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2024 has been cancelled. The next City Council Meeting will be held Monday, February 5, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____