

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Clerk Bernadette Chattam were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Sams recognized Dalton Parks and Recreation Department's all-star girls who brought home the State volleyball championships in the 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under age groups at the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association's state tournaments last month. Recreation Director Steve Roberts and DPRD Athletic Coordinator Victor Rodriguez introduced each player. Mayor Sams presented them with a certificate of achievement.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2025 ALCOHOL APPLICATION RENEWALS

Assistant City Clerk Gesse Cabrera presented the 2025 Alcohol Application Renewals. Cabrera presented (8) Applications with Changes and (132) without Changes. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Renewals contingent upon the background check and the certificate of liability insurance. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the list of these applications is a part of these minutes.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-35 – REZONING REQUEST OF ED STATEN

Assistant Planning Director at Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Ethan Calhoun presented the First Reading of Ordinance 24-35 a request from Ed Staten to rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.38 acres located on 1112 Riverbend Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-255-03-022). Calhoun stated the Planning Commission and staff had a positive recommendation.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-36 - REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF VARNELL
MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO AMEND THE UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE

Assistant Planning Director at Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Ethan Calhoun presented the First Reading of Ordinance 24-36 a request from the City of Varnell Mayor and Council to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance by reducing the permitted building height of the General Commercial (C-2) zone district. (Varnell Only). Calhoun stated the Staff had a positive recommendation. Calhoun further stated the text amendment will better reflect Varnell's small-town charm.

SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT - JOSE ESTRADA AND NICOLASA SALAICES
ESTRADA

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Purchase Agreement with the City and Jose Estrada and Nicolasa Salaices Estrada for property at 604 Olivia Drive in the amount of \$117,000.00 for a Stormwater Improvement Project. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Purchase Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT - MANTON FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LLLP.

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented an Agreement with the City and the Manton Family Partnership, LLLP for property on North Elm Street (Parcel 12-200-10-010) in the amount of \$2600.00 for a permanent stormwater drainage easement. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett, the Purchase Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RIGHT OF WAY ENCROACHMENT – 1031 S HAMILTON STREET

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Right of Way Encroachment at 1031 S. Hamilton Street to install curb & gutter, sidewalk and street trees within the right of way. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett, the Right A Way Encroachment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-20 OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE CHANGE V. CITY OF MILTON
APPEAL

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe presented Resolution 24-20 authorizing participation in an Amicus Brief in the Change v. City of Milton Appeal. Bledsoe stated the Resolution authorize and ratify participation in an amicus brief before the Georgia Supreme Court asking that the Chang appellate ruling be taken by the Supreme Court and reversed. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-21 AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE OF LAND PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6 (C)

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented Resolution 24-21 authorizing the exchange of land pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6 (C). Pangle stated the property is adjacent to certain recreational facilities owned by the City which may be used for the expansion of or support of such recreational facilities. Pangle additionally stated staff determined it is in the best interest of the City to exchange the City Property and acquire the Pentz Property on such terms and conditions set forth in a certain exchange agreement. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GATEWAY SIGNAGE PROPOSAL WITH CONFLUENCE DESIGN

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the Gateway Signage Proposal from Confluence Design. Pangle stated that now that the new branding and logo project is almost completed, this proposal will move to the next step. Pangle stated the proposal covers the cost of gateway signage design, which will include the City's logo and brand colors. Pangle further stated that next a design for primary gateway signage to be utilized in key entrances to the city as well as secondary sign design for use at individual city properties. Additionally, Pangle stated the plan would be to phase these in over time and not necessarily to do them all at one time. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Proposal. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following Miscellaneous Appointments:

Municipal Court Judge

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council appointed Rob Cowan as Municipal Court Judge for a 1-year term to expire 12-31-2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Fire Marshall

On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council appointed Matthew Daniel as Fire Marshall for a 1-year term to expire 12-31-2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

City Attorney

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council appointed Jonathan Bledsoe as City Attorney for a 1-year term to expire 12-31-2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be held January 6, 2025.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____