

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe and City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Dennis Mock was 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 Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda to include moving Item 16 “Resolution 24-15 Designating the Paul Belk Honorary Trailhead” to the beginning of the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

RESOLUTION 24-15 DESIGNATING THE PAUL BELK HONORARY TRAILHEAD

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 24-15 Designating the Paul Belk Honorary Trailhead. Mayor Sams presented Mr. Belk with the Resolution dedicating the Mill Line Trailhead on Chattanooga Avenue as the Paul Belk Honorary Trailhead for his major contribution and generous gift to be able to extend the Mill Line Trail.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2024 - CITY OF DALTON I.T. DEPARTMENT

Mayor Sams presented IT Director Jorge Paez with a Proclamation for Cybersecurity Awareness Month October 2024. Sams urged all citizens and residents to share helpful tips and resources with friends and family especially vulnerable groups like seniors.

IT Director Jorge Paez expounded on several tips and resources to curtail cyberattacks that affect day to day lives.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Session minutes of September 16, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called meeting minutes of September 26, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2024 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following 2024 Alcohol Beverage Application:

Business Owner: La Fogata Fusion Restaurant Inc.  
d/b/a: La Fogata Fusion Restaurant  
Applicant: Gretchy Suazo  
Business Address: 801 E. Walnut Ave Suite C, D, E (Previously at 702 5th Ave)  
License Type: Pouring Beer, Liquor (Restaurant)  
Disposition: Address Change

On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the application was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY – EVERGREEN SOLUTIONS, LLC

Human Resources Generalist Haliyma Jones presented the Classification and Compensation Study – Evergreen Solutions, LLC. Jones stated scope of the agreement is to provide consulting services by conducting a Classification and Compensation Study for 100 full time positions. Jones further stated the cost is \$54,500 to be completed within 4 months focusing first on the Compensation portion and then the Classification. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CITY HALL HVAC CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 WITH MARCH ADAMS

Human Resources Director Greg Batts presented the City Hall HVAC Contract Amendment #1 with March Adams. Batts stated that Amendment #1 adjust the owner’s budget for work to actual construction cost of \$1,587.812 with the consultant’s fee equating to 8% to a \$6600.00 increase in the contract value. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH CHEROKEE MECHANICAL, INC. FOR CITY HALL HVAC RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT

Human Resources Director Greg Batts presented the Construction Agreement with Cherokee Mechanical, Inc. for City Hall HVAC Renovation/Replacement in the amount of \$1,587,812.50. Batts stated Cherokee Mechanical Inc. scored the highest in the proposal review. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama, the Mayor and Council awarded the Agreement to Cherokee Mechanical, Inc. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

CFO Cindy Jackson presented FY-2024 Budget Amendment #4. Jackson stated the amendments are to various funds to adjust budgets to actual revenues in excess of budget, allocations to and between various projects, and increase in various expenditures offset by revenue sources. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the complete amendment is a part of these minutes.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHATSWORTH

Public Works Director Chad Townsend submitted an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with the City of Chatsworth to purchase a portion of a surplus leaf collection unit at a fair market value of \$6500.00 from the City of Dalton. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT - 502 WEST WALNUT AVENUE

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Temporary Construction Easement for 502 West Walnut Avenue. Townsend stated that a temporary construction easement is required to complete the work for a project with Armourco, Inc. for a channel stabilization of stream banks on Valley Drive as part of the Walnut North stormwater project. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Easement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE - BURCHFIELD AVENUE - JAMES STREET FOUR-WAY STOP

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a traffic control change at Burchfield Avenue - James Street to implement a Four-Way Stop. Townsend stated Dalton Police has reported seven accidents in the last four years with an average of approximately two accidents per year since 2013. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Traffic Control Change was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GDOT CONTRACT #47 FOR RUNWAY REHABILITATION AT AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented the final GDOT contract in the amount of \$4,854,798.25 for the runway rehabilitation to include the milling and overlay of Runway 14/32 at the Dalton Municipal Airport. Wiersma stated the grant match is \$666,474.20 with the 24 hour construction ops being \$150,000.00 and the Total Local Match of \$816,474.20. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Farrow, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONTRACT WITH NORTHWEST GEORGIA PAVING – DALTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented a Contract with Northwest Georgia Paving for Runway Rehabilitation at Airport to perform the scope of work with a completion time of 90 calendar days from the issuance of Notice to Proceed. Wiersma additionally stated, this item is related to the previous item regarding GDOT Contract #47 for Runway Rehabilitation at the Airport. On the motion of Councilmember Lama, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT ORDER #2 WITH KIMLEY-HORN FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMIN/INSPECTION SERVICES

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented an Individual Project Order #2 with Kimley-Horn for Construction Admin/Inspection Services for the Runway Rehabilitation Project at the Airport. Wiersma stated this item is also related to the previous (2) items regarding GDOT Contract #47 for Runway Rehabilitation at the Airport. Wiersma stated the contract amount is \$205,492.08. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-28 - TO AMEND UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE OF WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading for Ordinance 24-28 To Amend Unified Zoning Ordinance of Whitfield County, Georgia; To Provide an Effective Date; To Repeal All Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; And for Other Purposes. Planning & Zoning Administrator Jean Garland stated the request of Whitfield County Board of Commissioners is to amend the Unified Zoning text Article II, Section 2-2 is to delete the definition of “Junk Vehicles” and replace it with a new definition.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-32 – REZONING REQUEST FOR CROW ROAD HOLDINGS

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading for Ordinance 24-32 a request for Crow Road Holdings to rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 1.00 acres located on Waring Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-143-11-004). Planning & Zoning Administrator Jean Garland stated this request received a favorable recommendation from both the staff and the Board.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-33 - REZONING REQUEST FOR CODY SPENCE

The Mayor and Council held a first reading for Ordinance 24-33 a request from Cody Spence to rezone from Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.25 acres located at 801 Cumberland Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel 12-201-01-162. Planning & Zoning Administrator Jean Garland stated this request received a negative recommendation from both the staff and Board.

APPOINTMENT - LIBRARY BOARD

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council appointed Mayelli Meza to the Library Board to fill an unexpired 3-year term to expire March 2, 2026. This is to fill the unexpired term of Bitsy McFarland. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Tyree Goodlett, Mayor Pro-tem

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