

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 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, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe and City Administrator Andrew Parker.

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 Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. for a presentation of the FY2025 City of Dalton budget. CFO Cindy Jackson presented the proposed 2025 Budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Improvements Funds. Jackson outlined the FY2025 proposed budget including proposed revenues, expenditures and other financing uses. Jackson further stated the complete budget can be obtained online or in the Finance Office.

There were no comments or questions. The Public Hearing concluded at 6:20 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

PROCLAMATIONS

Small Business Saturday - November 30, 2024 - Candace Eaton, DDDA

Mayor Sams presented DDDA Director Candance Eaton with a Small Business Saturday Proclamation. The proclamation proclaimed November 30, 2024 as “Small Business Saturday” in the City of Dalton and urged citizens to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday.

Eaton announced the following:

- Gratefull will be held in downtown Dalton on Monday November 25, 2024, and asked everyone to attend and enjoy a meal with neighbors
- November 29, 2024 will be the 6th annual tree lighting in Downtown. Kids crafts begin at 5:30 and lighting of the tree by the Mayor begins at 6:00
- November 29, 2024 DDDA is partnering with the CVB to run a Polar Express Trolley that takes citizens to the Freight Depot to see Santa and a mailbox to drop-off letters to him.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Work Session Minutes of November 4, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Mayor & Council Minutes of November 5, 2024 - 2nd Reading Chapter 6 - Alcohol Beverage. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Mayor & Council Minutes of November 5, 2024 - Public Hearing #1 - 2024 Millage Rate Increase. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Mayor & Council Minutes of November 5, 2024 - Public Hearing #2 Millage Rate Increase. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Special Called Mayor & Council Minutes of November 12, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR PERMANENT  
STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT 626 NORTH GLENWOOD AVENUE

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented an Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate for Permanent Stormwater Drainage Easement at 626 North Glenwood Avenue (Parcel 12-200-10-014). Townsend stated the acquisition is for a 20-foot permanent easement and temporary construction easement with a fair market value determined by appraisal at \$9400.00. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR PERMANENT  
STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT 308 EAST MATILDA STREET

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented an Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate for Permanent Stormwater Drainage Easement at 308 East Matilda Street (Parcel 12-201-12-004). Townsend stated the acquisition is for a 20-foot permanent easement and temporary construction easement with a fair market value determined by appraisal at \$9400.00. Townsend stated an error in calculations determined that the appraisal should be \$9600.00 instead of \$9400.00. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the Agreement was approved with the amended amount of \$9600.00. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CARTER HOPE CENTER

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Carter Hope Center to the Mayor and Council. Parker stated the scope of the memorandum is to support opioid recovery for local citizens. Parker further stated the City will provide \$24,000 in funding or \$2000.00 per month to Carter Hope Center to support their ongoing Narcotics Anonymous and other opioid recovery programs for the next 12 months. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett the MOU was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

BURR PARK ROOF EXTENSION DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACT WITH LEONARD BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a contract with Leonard Brothers Construction in the amount of \$38,300.00 for the Burr Park Roof Extension Design/Build. Townsend stated approximately \$13,300 of the contract cost will be covered by Public Works Department Budget and \$25,000 of the contact will be funded by the Community Foundation. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Contract was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 24-18 TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GIRMA)

Human Resources Director Greg Batts presented Resolution 24-18 to become a member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and Participate in One or More of GIRMA'S Funds. Batts stated GMA and ACCG has partnered together to provide the City of Dalton with a quote/proposal that satisfies the requirement of House Bill 451 "The Ashley Wilson Act. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council agreed to implement the program GIRMA beginning 01-01-2025.

Batts further stated the program fulfills guidelines that requires local governments in the State of Georgia to provide and maintain specific Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) insurance coverages for all eligible first responders with an annual premium of \$25,496.00. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 24-18.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 24-34 - VACATING AND ABANDONMENT OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND TO GRAVELY STREET AND ERWIN STREET

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading Ordinance 24-34 To Make Findings of Fact Concerning the Public Use and Necessity of Gravely Street and Erwin Street; To Consider the Vacating and Abandonment of The Public Interest in And to Gravely Street and Erwin Street for Purposes of Public Streets and Transportation; To Declare the Closing of Gravely Street and Erwin Street for Public Use and Transportation; To Authorize Delivery of a Quitclaim Deed of Any Interest of The City of Dalton Except Utility Easements to Adjacent Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes.

ADOPTION OF NEW CITY BRANDING BY CONFLUENCE DESIGN

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the New City Branding by Confluence Design. Pangle reviewed with the Mayor and Council the Committee members which are:

- Cindy Jackson
- Kim Witherow
- Jackson Shephard
- Allyson Coker
- Luis Prieto

Pangle further explain the process, the design and development and the Concept Overview. Pangle stated the brandmark is a symbol intended to be immediately recognizable as unique and meaningful with the logomark incorporating abstract concepts that infer Dalton’s strength of Community as well as its interlaced connection with the Mill industry driving its place as the economic engine of North Georgia. Pangle further read that the textural fabric pattern underscores the interlaced connection of Dalton and the Carpet Mill trade. Pangle continued stating that the interwoven fabric infers strength of community while the “D” created out of negative space symbolizes Dalton; the letter “D” created out of the interweaving of people, cultures and industry comprising the full community. Pangle unveiled the new City of Dalton’s brandmark. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adopted the new City Branding. The vote was unanimous in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss Real Estate and Potential Litigation. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADOURNMENT – EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. No action was taken

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 7:23 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Annalee Sams, Mayor

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