

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2026

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 Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

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.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe administered the Oath of Office to Nicky Lama and Steve Farrow.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Melissa Williams, owner of a building next to the Deja Vu social club, told the city council that loud noise, vibrations, property damage, and disruptive behavior from the club's patrons are harming her tenants, her restaurant, and her historic building. She says the situation is now unmanageable and is asking the council for help. Mayor Sams asked Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle to assist Ms. Williams.

Claude Thomas told the council that parts of Dalton are becoming rundown, with trash, old furniture, and abandoned cars visible in neighborhoods. He believes the city's two code enforcement officers are not enough to keep up with the growing community and says more staff are needed to maintain cleanliness and prevent decline. He urged the council to prioritize adding code enforcement positions to keep the city beautiful, noting that conditions were much better in the past.

Cindy Walters, property manager of S&W Investment Properties at 226 Hamilton Street, told the council that her building is experiencing the same severe noise and vibration issues caused by the Deja Vu social club as described by previous speakers. She said tenants' pictures are shaking off walls, noise levels are documented, and the disturbances threaten her ability to keep apartments rented, creating financial risk for her company. Walters asked the council for help resolving the issue quickly and noted that a nearby church may also be too close to the nightclub under local rules.

Mayor Sams acknowledged the issue affecting both businesses and stated City staff would be in touch.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Mayor and Council 2026 scheduled meetings. Parker gave the following overview:

Summary of Proposed 2026 Mayor & Council Meeting Date Adjustments

- Regular meetings are normally on 1st and 3rd Mondays.
- Spring Break: Move meeting to March 30 (possible 3 meetings in March).
- July 4th week: Move meeting to June 29 (possible 3 meetings in June).
- Christmas week: Move meeting from Dec 21 to Dec 14.
- Labor Day: Move meeting to Tuesday, Sept 8.
- MLK Jr. Day: Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 20.

Parker further asked if there are no objections, the schedule will be published online and sent to media outlets.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

CFO Cindy Jackson presented the Certification of Consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan for Federal Grant Funding Applications. Jackson stated three agencies applied for Georgia's Continuum of Care funding:

Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation (previously approved)
Salvation Army (new applicant)
City of Refuge (new applicant)

Jackson continued stating that HUD requires the City to certify that applications align with the City's 5-year consolidated plan and all three applications meet the objectives of the City's consolidated plan. Jackson further stated that each applicant allocates funds for transitional housing or rental assistance for individuals who are homeless or at risk. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Lama, the Certifications were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TEXTCARE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MED INVESTORS DEVELOPMENT, LLC - 2026 HEALTH PLAN

HR Director Haliyma Jones presented an agreement with Med Investors Development, LLC for TextCare Services. Jones stated the proposed service, Text Care, will provide virtual healthcare access 24/7 to eligible employees through text messaging, phone calls, and video chats.

Jones noted the cost of the service is fully covered by the employer and incurs no cost to employees. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Agreement was approved and the Council authorized the HR Director Jones to execute the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 26-01 ANNEXATION REQUEST OF METRO INVESTMENTS, LLC

The Mayor and Council held a First Reading of Ordinance 26-01 to hear the request of Metro Investments, LLC to annex 1.0 acres located at 1822 Chattanooga Road, Dalton, Georgia into the City of Dalton as General Commercial (C-2) Parcel (12-159-01-129). City Administrator Andrew Parker stated the request came with a positive recommendation from both the Staff and the Planning Commission.

APPOINTMEMENTS

Boards & Authorities Appointments

Mayor Sams presented a list of appointments to various Boards and Authorities. Council members voted to approve all submitted appointees including the Tree Board Appointment of Nancy Farrow, whereas Council member Mock, Lama and Goodlette voted aye, Council member Farrow recused himself - Motion passed. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

Miscellaneous Appointments

Mayor Sams presented a list of Miscellaneous Appointments. Council members voted to approve all submitted appointees. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Sams presented the list of Mayoral appointments for 2026. A copy of these appointments is a part of these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The next Mayor and Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

Recorded
Approved: _____
Post: _____

MAYORAL					
Type	Appointment	New Member	Current Member	New Expiration	Expiration
Airport	Mayoral	Pangle, Todd	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Building	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Building	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Convention Visitors	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Creative Arts Guild	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Defined Contribution Committee	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Downtown Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
DWCDC	Mayoral		Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Finance & Administration	Mayoral	All Council Members	All Council Members	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Housing	Mayoral		Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Joint Development	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Library	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
MPO Policy	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Municipal Court	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Pension	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Pension	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Public Safety	Commission / Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Public Works & Facilities	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Recreation	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Regional Development	Mayoral	Gowin, Kenny	Gowin, Kenny	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Service Delivery	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Parker, Andrew	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Goodlett, Tyree	Goodlett, Tyree	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Solid Waste Mgmt	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
TAD Policies	Mayoral	Mock, Dennis	Mock, Dennis	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Trade Center	Mayoral	Farrow, Steve	Lama, Nicky	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
Tree	Mayoral	Sams, Annalee	Sams, Annalee	12/31/2026	12/31/2025
WL&SF	Mayoral	Parker, Andrew	Farrow, Steve	12/31/2026	12/31/2025

Miscellaneous Appointments

Type	Appointment	Term	New Member	Expiration	Current Member	Expiration
Miscellaneous	Municipal Court Judge	1 Year	Cowan, Robert	12/31/2026	Cowan, Robert	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Mayor Pro-Tem	Mayor Term	Goodlett, Tyree	Mayor Term	Goodlett, Tyree	N/A
Miscellaneous	Police Chief	2 Year	Cason, Cliff	12/31/2027	Cason, Cliff	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Fire Chief	2 Year	Daniel, Matthew	12/31/2027	Daniel, Matthew	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	Fire Marshall	1 Year	Daniel, Matthew	12/31/2026	Daniel, Matthew	31-Dec-25
Miscellaneous	City Attorney	1 Year	Bledsoe, Jonathan	12/31/2026	Bledsoe, Jonathan	31-Dec-25

Boards & Authorities

Type	Appointment	Term	New Member	New Expiration	Current Member	Expiration
Housing	Authority	5 Year	Gruner, America	10/14/2030	Gruner, America	14-Oct-25
Airport	Authority	5 Year	Clark, Chester	12/31/2030	Clark, Chester	31-Dec-25
Housing	Authority-Resident Member	1 Year	Barrett, Brenda	12/31/2026	Barrett, Brenda	31-Dec-25
Tree	Board	3 Year	Farrow, Nancy	12/31/2028	Hallsworth, Nancy (Unexpired)	31-Dec-25
Tree	Board	3 Year	Verhoeff, Anna	12/31/2028	Verhoeff, Anna	31-Dec-25
Tree	Board	3 Year	Purvis, Melva	12/31/2028	Purvis, Melva	31-Dec-25
Tree	Board	3 Year (Balance)	Poehlman, Sally	12/31/2026	Virgo, Troy	31-Dec-26
Convention Visitors	Bureau	2 Year	Rodriguez, Josafat	12/31/2027	Rodriguez, Josafat	31-Dec-25
Public Safety	Commission	5 Year	Brown, Alex	12/31/2030	Brown, Alex	31-Dec-25
Recreation	Commission	5 Year	Mitchell, Jacob	12/31/2030	Mitchell, Jacob (Unexpired)	31-Dec-25
WL&SF	Commission	5 Year	Douglas, Mike	12/31/2030	Boggs, Tommy	31-Dec-25
Joint Development	Authority - City	3 Year	Davies, Bill	1/31/2029	Davies, Bill	31-Jan-26
Trade Center	Authority	1 Year	Kinsey, Mike	2/1/2027	Kinsey, Mike	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation	Commission	3 Year	Fincher, Reed	2/1/2029	Fincher, Reed	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation	Commission	3 Year	Meza, Manuel	2/1/2029	Meza, Manuel	01-Feb-26
Historic Preservation	Commission - Chairman	3 Year	Granillo, Jeff	2/1/2029	Granillo, Jeff	01-Feb-26
WC EMS Quality Review	Committee	2 Year	Daniel, Matt	3/1/2028	Daniel, Matt	01-Mar-26
Library	Board	3 Year	Meza, Mayelli	3/2/2029	Meza, Mayelli (Unexpired)	02-Mar-26
Library	Board	3 Year	Zeisig, Margaret	3/2/2029	Zeisig, Margaret (Unexpired)	02-Mar-26
Recreation	Commission	5 Year (Balance)	Corona, Edith	12/31/2029	Whittle, Allison	31-Dec-29