

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Annalee Sams and Steve Farrow and City Attorney Terry Miller. Council member Dennis Mock attended via Zoom. City Administrator Andrew Parker and Council member Tyree Goodlett were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – OCCUPATION TAXES

A Public Hearing was held at 6:01pm regarding proposed Ordinance 23-10 – An Ordinance to Amend Article II Captioned “Occupation Taxes; Administrative Fees; Regulatory Fees” Of Chapter 26 “Businesses” of the 2001 Revised Code of Ordinances for The Purpose of Increasing the Administrative Fee Levied and Assessed on All Occupational Tax Accounts; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, Laws, And Regulations; And for Other Purposes.

There were no Public Comments.

On the motion of Council member Sams, second Council member Farrow, the Hearing was closed at 6:03pm. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 23-10

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 23-10 to Amend Article II Captioned “Occupation Taxes; Administrative Fees; Regulatory Fees” Of Chapter 26 “Businesses” of the 2001 Revised Code of Ordinances for The Purpose of Increasing the Administrative Fee Levied and Assessed on All Occupational Tax Accounts; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances, Laws, And Regulations; And for Other Purposes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 23-12

The Mayor and Council reviewed ordinance 23-12 regarding the Request of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, and Mayor and Council of the City of Varnell to amend the Dalton-Whitfield-Varnell Unified Zoning Ordinance regarding compliance with GA HB 1405. On the motion of Council member Sams, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council adopted the Ordinance. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT - THE SURFACE MASTERS, INC.

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented the General Construction Agreement with The Surface Masters, Inc. for Resurfacing of the Lakeshore Park Track in the amount of \$212,800.00 to be paid from the 2022 Capital Improvements Project. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Mayor and Council untabled this item. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Mayor and Council approved the Agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT- HERITAGE POINT PARK PROJECT

Recreation Director Caitlin Sharpe presented the Terms and Conditions for the American Rescue Plan Act- Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant Program – Heritage Point Park Project. Sharpe stated the Governors Office of Planning and Budget requires this document be signed by the Mayor. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Sams, the Council authorized the Mayor to execute the Terms and Conditions. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FORM FOR THE PENTZ AND CUYLER STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grant Terms and Conditions Form for the Pentz and Cuyler Street Corridor Improvements. Townsend stated the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget requires this document be signed by the Mayor. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Council authorized the Mayor to execute the Terms and Conditions. The vote was unanimous in favor.

615 BIRCHFIELD AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented the Temporary Construction, and Permanent Drainage Easements for 615 Birchfield Avenue Stormwater Improvement Corrective Action Plan. Townsend stated the scope of services includes erosion protection along a drainage swale running alongside of the driveway and improving the drainage connection for the box culvert spanning underneath the driveway where runoff from the road, and the drainage swale meet. On the motion of Council member Sams, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Corrective Action Plan. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-08 – UNOPENED SECTION OF COOPER STREET

City Attorney Terry Miller presented Resolution 23-08 To Make Findings of Fact Concerning the Public Use and Necessity of a Section of Unopened Cooper Street; To Consider the Vacating and Abandonment of Public Interest in And to The Said Portion of Cooper Street for Public Transportation Use; To Declare the Closing of Such Section of Cooper Street, To Authorize Delivery of a Quitclaim Deed of Any Interest of The City of Dalton Except Utility Easement to Adjacent Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Mayor and Council approved the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-11 AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL UTILITY PROPERTY EASEMENTS

City Attorney Terry Miller presented Resolution 23-11 Authorizing Municipal Utility Property Easements between Dalton Utilities and Georgia Power. On the motion of Council member Sams, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-13 - AUTHORIZING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND
DECLARATION OF CONSERVATION COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

City Attorney Terry Miller presented Resolution 23-13 Authorizing Conservation Easements and Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions for Southern Conservation Trust, Inc. for Dalton Utilities Property for which the US Army Corps of Engineers has approved as a wetland mitigation bank. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Sams, the Mayor and Council approved the Resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2023 has been cancelled. City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for Independence Day. The next City Council Meeting will be held Monday, July 17, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

David Pennington, Mayor

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Approved: _____
Post: _____