

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2025

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, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney, Jonathan Bledsoe. Council member Nicky Lama 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 Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote to approve the amended agenda was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - APWA GEORGIA CHAPTER SCRC  
ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY AWARD FOR THE WALNUT NORTH DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Mayor and Council recognized the Public Works team for receiving the Project of the Year award for the Walnut North drainage improvements project.

STAFF REPORTS

CVB Director Margaret Thigpen reported on the economic impact of June's events, highlighting new groups at the convention center and positive financial outcomes.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Jim Lidderdale from Garmony House located on Cuyler Street praised the recent improvements in construction on West Cuyler Street and thanked the Mayor & Council and the Public Works Department.

Karina Whittis advocated for the establishment of a pediatric care center in Dalton to avoid the need for families to travel to Chattanooga for pediatric emergencies.

Grecelyn Leal shared a personal experience about the lack of timely care for her son at a local hospital, emphasizing the need for better pediatric care facilities.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2025. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AIRPORT NAVIGATIONAL AID SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DBT  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented an Airport Navigational Aid Service Agreement with DBT Transportation Services. Wiersma stated the Agreement is for FAA required preventative maintenance services on the Instrument Landing System, automated weather observation system and approach lighting system at the airport. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Farrow, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

KINGSRIDGE DRIVE NO PARKING TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE REQUEST

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a request for a traffic control change at Kingsridge Drive which will implement No Parking for the north side of Kingsridge Drive. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FRAZIER DRIVE - DELAWARE DRIVE ALL-WAY STOP TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE  
REQUEST

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a request for a traffic control change at Frazier Drive - Delaware Drive which implements an all-way stop at the intersection of Frazier Drive and Delaware Drive. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Farrow, the Request was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2025 MILLING AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS - CONSIDERATION  
OF CONTRACT AWARD WITH C.W. MATTHEWS CONTRACTING CO.

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Contract Award with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. for the 2025 Milling and Resurfacing of Various City Streets Dalton Project No. PW-2025-LMIG. A copy of each street to be milled and resurfaced is a part of the contract. Townsend also stated all work must be completed by May 31, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the Contract Award was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 25-15 CALL FOR ELECTION

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 25-15 Call for Election. Parker outlined the positions up for election which are Council Ward 2 seat and Council Ward 4 seat, along with two positions on the City of Dalton Board of Education (currently held by Matt Evans and Manny Mesa). Parker further explained a Special Election will be held in conjunction with the General election with a referendum on the ballot allowing voters to decide on these proposed:

- Act 109 Pertains to the independent school district's homestead exemption.
- Act 340 and Act 344: Relate to the current homestead exemption for residents aged 70 or older, proposing an increase to \$325,000. Parker stated this change aims to provide greater property tax relief to senior citizens, potentially reducing their financial burden.

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council adjourned into executive session to discuss real estate matters at 6:24 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Mock the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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Annalee Sams, Mayor

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