

THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 4, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called Joint meeting this evening at 12:00 p.m. at 201 South Hamilton St. 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Dennis Mock, Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller, various City Department Heads. Council member Tyree Goodlett was absent. Whitfield County Commissioners Jevin Jensen, Barry Robbins, Robby Staten, John Thomas, Greg Jones, County Attorney Robert Smalley. City of Varnell Mayor, City of Tunnel Hill Mayor, and Town of Cohutta Mayor.

CALL TO ORDER

Whitfield County Chairman Jevin Jensen called the meeting to order.

MEETING BETWEEN WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MAYORS OF WHITFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST).

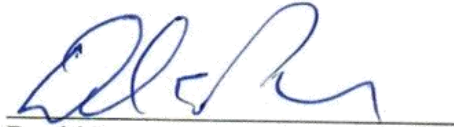
Whitfield County Chairman Jensen reminded attendees the purpose of the meeting is to get the Cities input on the recent recommendations provided by the 2024 SPLOST committee. Jensen noted this meeting is to discuss if the City of Dalton would like to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County regarding the SPLOST. Jensen noted the 2024 SPLOST Committee met during the months of October and November and heard from several County and City departments.

Chairman Jensen asked County Attorney Robert Smalley to explain the timeline for the proposed SPLOST referendum to make sure everyone is on the same page. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a) notice of the meeting was given to the Mayors at least 10 days prior to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the proposed SPLOST referendum that Whitfield County has expressed its intent to call, the County can't take any action to call for a referendum on a SPLOST until thirty days after today's meeting, the referendum will then be placed on the Board of Commissioners agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, if the timeline holds it will be anticipated that the general primary election will be held on May 21, 2024. County Attorney Robert Smalley also noted that this is the only required meeting with the Mayors to be held, but other subsequent meetings could be held. The County is proposing a four-year SPLOST that would bring in around \$80M.

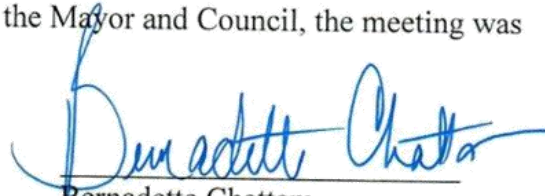
Chairman Jensen then opened the meeting for discussion from the elected officials. The Mayors of Cohutta, Dalton, Tunnel Hill and Varnell were all in support of the SPLOST committee's recommendations, County Attorney Robert Smalley will begin to draft an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the Cities for possible approval at the upcoming January meeting. No decisions were made during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



David Pennington, Mayor



Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 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 Tyree Goodlett, Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Terry Miller. Council member Dennis Mock attended via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – MAYOR DAVID E. PENNINGTON

City Administrator Andrew Parker stated in looking back over the last (4) years of Mayor Pennington's tenure, the City has achieved many of the goals the Mayor set forth including and in conjunction with the Council, reducing property taxes each year, growing the sales tax base, providing leadership thru the Covid pandemic and updating the storm water infrastructure to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Parker continued stating that thru the Mayors leadership the City has reestablished Dalton Parks and Recreation and added Code Enforcement to transform the City's overall look. Parker voiced the entire staff appreciated his vision and leadership and he will be missed. City Clerk Bernadette Chattam presented Mayor Pennington with a plaque with the encryption "For Outstanding Public Service as Mayor of the City of Dalton 2020-2023".

Chamber of Commerce Director Jason Mock expressed the Chamber's gratitude to Mayor Pennington for his service and leadership to the community.

Whitfield County Chairman Jevin Jensen presented Mayor Pennington with a token clock gift for the Mayor's timeliness of each of meeting. Jensen also expressed his appreciation for the City of Dalton and Whitfield County's partnership under his leadership.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor & Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 23-26 – RUNOFF ELECTION CERTIFICATION

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the following Resolution 23-26 entitled Runoff Election Certification:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, Georgia duly assembled on Tuesday December 19, 2023, for the purpose of declaring the results of the City of Dalton Runoff Election held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 after consolidation of the returns of this election, do hereby declared the results of the same as follows:

- FOR Dalton Board of Education (John Tulley Johnson):

John Tulley Johnson .....received 481 votes.

Laura Orr .....received 430 votes.

We declare **John Tulley Johnson** as duly elected Dalton Board of Education Member. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT & QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR 701 GREENWOOD DRIVE

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Temporary Construction Easement & Quit Claim Deed for 701 Greenwood Drive. Townsend stated the temporary construction easement is to complete elements of the Ridge Street Stormwater bypass project that encroaches into the property and the Quit Claim deed is for half of the unopened Ridge Street right of way. Townsend stated the temporary construction easement is valid through the completion of construction of the Ridge Street Stormwater Bypass project. On the motion of Council member Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Easement and Deed were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH DATA & SOUND SPECIALTIES, INC., FOR CAMERA AND ACCESS CONTROL PROJECT

Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle presented the General Construction Agreement with Data & Sound Specialties, Inc. for the Camera and Access Control Project in the amount of \$65,000.00. Pangle stated the agreement is to install new cameras and a new door access control system at City Hall and at the Police Department. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRIME ENGINEERING FOR PICKLEBALL SITE ANALYSIS

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented the Professional Services Agreement with Prime Engineering for Pickleball Site Analysis in the amount of \$19,500.00. Parker stated the Agreement is to provide engineering design services for site analysis involving fifteen (15) pickleball courts and a restroom building on two city owned properties. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Agreement was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-23 BUDGET AMENDMENT #6

CFO Cindy Jackson presented Budget Amendment #6 to adjust revenue line items and departmental budgets. A copy of this complete amendment is a part of these minutes. On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Lama, the Amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS

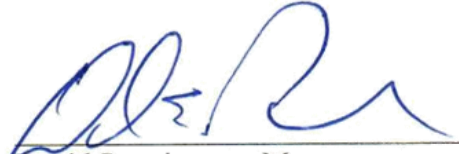
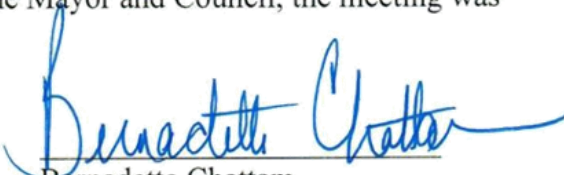
Mayor Pennington thanked everyone for the well wishes and expressed how proud he is of the men of women that make the City of Dalton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City government offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 and Tuesday, December 26, 2023 for the Christmas holidays and Monday, January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

  
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David Pennington, Mayor  
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City Clerk

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 27, 2023

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this afternoon at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor David Pennington, Council members Tyree Goodlett, Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Dennis Mock attended via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SELECTION OF CITY ATTORNEY

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council selected the Minor Firm as City Attorney for the City of Dalton.

CITY ATTORNEY ENGAGEMENT LETTER

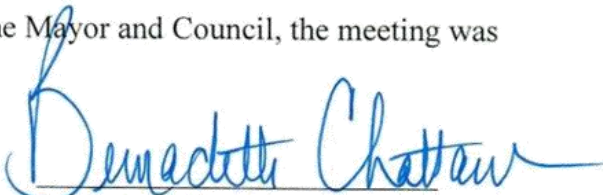
The Mayor and Council reviewed the Engagement Letter with the Minor Firm for City Attorney Services. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council accepted the Engagement Letter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



David Pennington, Mayor



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