

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:04 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Dennis Mock, Julie Locke and Tyree Goodlett, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. Council member Steve Farrow was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmembers led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Locke, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Sams read a thank you card from former Mayor Jim Middleton's wife Joann, thanking the City for honoring and renaming Heritage Park fields as Jim Middleton Fields at Heritage Point Park.

Mayor Sams informed everyone that Councilmember Tyree Goodlett has been selected by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government to serve on the Municipal Training Board as the District 1 representative. Sams stated Goodlett will be formally sworn in during the upcoming GMA Annual Meeting in Savannah, with his term beginning July 1. The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation and noted the significance of this honor, thanking him for his continued service.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Work Session Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Locke, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Work Session Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Locke, second Councilmember Mock, the minutes were approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-07 TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE 2001
REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA CAPTIONED "CEMETERIES"

Public Works Director Chad Townsend reported the ordinance revision clarifies what items are permissible on grave sites and places greater emphasis on the West Hill Cemetery Policies and Procedures, which will now be provided directly to individuals purchasing grave sites. Townsend stated the update is intended to ensure clearer expectations for families and support consistent cemetery maintenance. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Ordinance was approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-08 – DEANNEXION REQUEST OF M.C.W., INC.

City Administrator Andrew Parker reviewed the Second Reading of Ordinance 26-08 to hear the request of M.C.W., Inc. to de-annex 0.3 acres located at 2209 Chattanooga, Dalton, Georgia at Tax Parcel 12-158-01-032 out of the City of Dalton into Whitfield County as General Commercial (C-2). Parcel (12-158-01-032).

Parker explained the petitioner is requesting de-annexation of a 0.3-acre portion of a property at Chattanooga Road and King Road, which is currently part of a car lot whose main building already lies in unincorporated Whitfield County. Parker stated Staff confirmed the change will not create a city island and both Planning Commission and staff recommended approval. Note: The petitioner plans to develop the full site as an RV park.

On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the request was approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-09 - REZONING REQUEST OF JOHN S. SUTTLES

City Administrator Andrew Parker reviewed the Second Reading of Ordinance 26-09 To hear the request of John S. Suttles to rezone from Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 0.25 acres located on Dozier Street, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-217-07-006).

Parker stated the request is to rezone a tract from R3 to R5 to allow construction of one duplex, which is not permitted under R3. Parker continued stating that while R5 zoning does not exist in the immediate area, both Planning Commission and staff recommended approval, noting the rezoning would not alter the area's character and that the small parcel size and R5 limitations would mitigate any development impacts. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the request was approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-10 - REZONING REQUEST OF DEBO'S DINER INVESTMENTS, LLC

City Administrator Andrew Parker reviewed the Second Reading of Ordinance 26-10 To hear the request of Debo's Diner Investments, LLC to rezone from General Commercial (C-2) Cond to General Commercial (C-2) Cond conforming to Dalton Gateway Corridor Overlay District, a tract of land totaling 3.42 acres located at 525 and 527 S. Tibbs Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcels (12-260-16-000 and 12-260-03-000).

Parker reported that additional traffic engineering information has been requested based on questions that arose by Elected Officials and the staff is still completing the necessary review. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the request was tabled unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-11 – REZONING REQUEST OF LOVE FUNERAL HOME

City Administrator Andrew Parker reviewed the Second Reading Ordinance 26-11 to hear the request of Love Funeral Home to rezone from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2) a tract of land totaling 3.21 acres located at 1402 N. Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-160-10-000).

Parker reiterated that the adjacent Hamilton Medical Center property was previously rezoned to C2, and Love Funeral Home is seeking the same zoning to allow installation of a crematorium.

Parker continued stating that Council's earlier questions regarding proximity to residential areas were reviewed; the site is approximately 300 feet from the nearest homes, and it was also confirmed that crematorium operations are regulated by EPD, which enforces applicable environmental standards. Note: Both Planning Commission and staff issued unanimous favorable recommendations for rezoning to C2. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the request was approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-12 TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE 2001 REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA CAPTIONED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" – EVENT CENTERS

City Administrator Andrew Parker noted that several questions, comments, and requested edits from the June 1 work session are still being reviewed. Parker stated that because additional time is needed, he is requesting the Council table the ordinance for the evening. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Locke, the Ordinance was tabled unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-13 TO AMEND CHAPTER 54 OF THE 2001 REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA CAPTIONED "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION" BY DELETING ARTICLE II CAPTIONED "FIRE PREVENTION CODE"

City Administrator Amdrew Parker noted that this ordinance is linked to the Event Center ordinance, and it shares several of the same definitions. Parker stated that because the primary ordinance was just tabled, this related item also needs to be tabled to maintain consistency. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Locke, the Ordinance was tabled unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-14 TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE 2001
REVISED CODE OF THE CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA CAPTIONED “AMUSEMENTS
AND ENTERTAINMENTS” – “COAM “ COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe stated the Ordinance was reviewed previously at the June 1st Work session, noting that the updates primarily align the City’s language with current state code. Bledsoe further stated the ordinance also establishes a local licensing requirement and sets a six-machine limit per location for COAM operations. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Locke, the Ordinance was approved unanimously. A copy of this Ordinance is a part of these minutes.

RESOLUTION 26-17 TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT BETWEEN THE ARC AND
THE CITY OF DALTON FOR THE SOUTH THORNTON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

Public Works Director Chad Townsend reviewed Resolution 26-17, Townsend stated the resolution authorizes the City to apply for a \$2 million ARC grant, which requires a 100% City match for the South Thornton Corridor improvement project. Further stating that based on current estimates, the City’s portion will likely exceed \$2 million, with funding not anticipated until Q2 2027, consistent with the 2026 CIP timeline. Townsend continued stating that the resolution also authorizes the City Administrator to execute all necessary grant documents, mirroring prior ARC grant actions. Note: The City Attorney has reviewed the item, and the Public Works Committee issued a positive recommendation. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Resolution was approved unanimously.

TEMPLE BETH EL MEMORIAL PARK CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 001

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented the Temple Beth El Memorial Park Contract Change Order No. 001 which is requesting an increase of \$67,200 due to unforeseen unsuitable soils encountered during retaining wall construction. Townsend stated the wall’s appearance will remain the same, but the construction method must change, resulting in longer material lead times and a 61-day contract extension, moving the completion date to September 4, 2026. Note: The item received a positive recommendation from the Public Works Committee. On the motion of Council member Locke, second Council member Goodlett, the Change Order was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sams announced City government offices will be closed Friday July 3rd 2026 in observance of Independence Day. The city council will not hold a meeting on Monday July 6th 2026. The next mayor and council meeting will be held Monday June 22nd 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

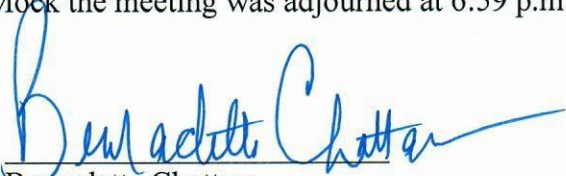
On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the Mayor and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:27 to discuss personnel matters. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Annalee Sams, Mayor



Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

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Approved:

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