

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 18, 2026

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:05 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Councilmembers Dennis Mock, Julie Locke and 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

Councilmembers led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

PROCLAMATIONS

Historic Preservation Month - May 2026 - Dalton Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Sams proclaimed May 2026 as Historic Preservation Month in the City of Dalton and recognized the local Historic Preservation Commission for their dedicated efforts.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sams presented Joel Hudson with a plaque for Historic Preservation Commission Outstanding Preservation Project For 2025, for The McCutchen House, 404 S. Thornton Avenue.

Staff Reports

There were no Staff Reports.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 04, 2026. On the motion of Councilmember Locke, second Councilmember Mock, the minutes were approved unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 26-06 - ENRIQUE MENDEZ GOMEZ REZONING REQUEST

Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Assistant Planning Director Ethan Calhoun presented the request of Enrique Mendez Gomez to Rezone from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Medium Density Single Family Residential (R-3) a tract of land totaling 0.60 acres located on Dogwood Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-216-01-008).

Calhoun stated the property is surrounded predominantly by residential uses, particularly along Dogwood Drive, and has no realistic potential for heavy manufacturing. Calhoun further stated the petitioner intends to develop the site with a single-family detached dwelling, which is the only permitted use in R3. Further Calhoun acknowledged that both staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Mock, the Mayor and Council approved the request unanimously.

GEORGIA CLASSIC MAIN STREET MOU FOR 2026-2027 PROGRAM YEAR

Special Events & Community Engagement Coordinator Candace Eaton presented the Georgia Classic Main Street MOU For 2026-2027 Program Year. Eaton stated the agreement renews the City of Dalton's partnership with the Georgia Classic Main Street Program for the 2026–2027 program year. Eaton further stated the MOU outlines the responsibilities of the City, the Downtown Dalton Main Street Board, the Downtown Manager, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Further Eaton stated the renewal allows Dalton to continue supporting downtown revitalization, economic development, historic preservation, and community engagement efforts, and maintains Dalton's Main Street accreditation, which the city has held since 1981. The partnership continues at no cost to the City. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the MOU unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF MISTY WIMPEY AS COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR DALTON MUNICIPAL COURT

City Administrator Andrew Parker stated that staff initiated a competitive interview and selection process for hiring a Court Administrator. Parker stated Chief Clerk Misty Wimpey, an internal candidate, emerged as the unanimous recommendation of the interview panel and was named the sole finalist. Parker reported that Wimpey has 21 years of service with the City and has served as Chief Clerk since 2017 and holds multiple professional certifications, including Certified Court Administrator (Georgia Municipal Court Clerks Council) and a Certificate of Court Administration (Georgia Council of Court Administrators).

Lastly Parker stated he is presenting Wimpey for appointment in accordance with Charter Section 2.16, and her finalist status has been publicly advertised for the required 14-day period under state law. On the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Mock, the appointment was approved unanimously.

SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO ALLOW AVAILABILITY OF HANGAR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH DEC 31, 2026

Airport Director Andrew Wiersma presented a request for a six-month extension to GDOT Contract No. 45 related to the Hangar Expansion Project. Wiersma stated that although the project is complete, approximately \$116,000 remains available in the grant and the Airport Authority seeks to use the remaining funds for additional hangar improvements. Note: The current contract expires in June, and the extension would continue the agreement through December 31 of this year. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the request was approved unanimously.

2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT #7

CFO Cindy Jackson presented the final Budget Amendment for 2025. Jackson stated the Mayor and Council reviewed the Budget Amendment and the mechanics of the TADs in the Finance Committee meeting. On the motion of Councilmember Goodlett, second Councilmember Mock, the Amendment was approved unanimously.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

CFO Cindy Jackson presented 2026 Budget Amendment #2 which reduces the General Fund balance by \$817,000, primarily due to carryover grant matches and special election costs. Jackson stated the City is receiving nearly \$2 million in ARC funding for the \$4 million East Morris Street project, along with airport grant adjustments and a \$40,000 CIP transfer to 2020 SPLOST. Total project funding increases to \$4,062,879 across federal, state, and General Fund sources. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Locke, the Amendment was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-15 TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FROM USTA

Recreation Director Steve Roberts presented Resolution 26-15 to apply for and accept Grant funds from USTA to support resurfacing of the City's tennis courts. Roberts stated the grant offers a 50% match up to \$8,000 per court, with a maximum potential award of \$60,000.

Roberts reported that six of the City's 20 courts are in poor condition and may require an overlay system costing approximately \$20,000 per court. Depending on how many courts are included, project costs range from \$120,000 for six courts to around \$200,000 if half the courts are resurfaced. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the Resolution was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

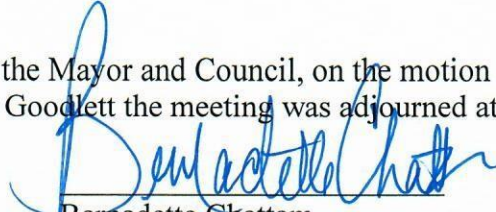
City Government Offices Will Be Closed Monday, May 25, 2026 In Observance Of The Memorial Day Holiday.

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 6:23 p.m.



Annalee Sams, Mayor


Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

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Approved: 6-1-26

Post: 6-2-26