

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2019

The Mayor and Council held a meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Council Members Denise Wood, Annalee Harlan, Tyree Goodlett and Gary Crews, City Administrator Jason Parker, City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn and several department heads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Octavio Perez stated that the April 15, 2019 Mayor and Council minutes did not reflect what he said and asked the Mayor and Council to find the discrepancy. Perez stated that on June 3rd he came back to the Mayor and Council and that the issues are still outstanding and he would like the issues resolved before the end of the year.

NOTE: City Clerk's Office reviewed the audio of the April 15th, 2019 meeting. The audio is lengthy with several points made. City Clerk's Office summarized comments because verbatim minutes are not transcribed. The audio was submitted to the Mayor and Council for review. The audio is a part of the minutes.

Red Carpet Half Marathon

Palmer Griffin representing Christ Church Presbyterian and Presbyterian Southeast. Griffin stated the Church will be hosting a Regional Church Conference October 4th and 5th and he learned the Red Carpet Half Marathon is scheduled for the same period. Griffin requested that South Tibbs Road to Ella Lane to Walnut Avenue remain open the entire morning of October 5th to accommodate their event.

City Administrator Jason Parker updated the Mayor and Council on the progress of the Red Carpet Half Marathon. Parker stated that Georgia Department of Transportation requires a permit for lane closure and that the permit has been applied for. Parker further stated that DDDA has some outstanding issues such as the route and securing an alternate route that will finish on Pentz Street. Parker further stated that the PD has some issues with the lack of volunteers for the race course. Parker stated that race coordinators are working on the issues. Council member Wood asked to take into consideration the comments of Mr. Palmer Griffin regarding his Church hosting a Regional Church Conference October 4th and 5th on the same day as the race. Mayor Mock asked Parker to keep the Mayor and Council abreast of the progress and further stated that when closing roads it's either hard on residents or hard on businesses or both.

Ed Painter

Ed Painter addressed the Mayor and Council stating that after arriving at the regular scheduled meeting, the Mayor and Council had went into executive session. Painter stated to his understanding the executive session was about the Trade Center and hotel. Painter stated that under Georgia Law, executive session can be held for leases, property disposal or purchases. However Painter stated that since everyone already knew about the property involved and the purpose, he wanted to make sure that what was talked about in executive session could have been talked about in public.

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION 19-10
Tom Bundros

Dalton Utilities CEO Tom Bundros reviewed with the Mayor and Council Resolution 19-10 which allows Dalton Utilities to reimburse themselves for monies spent in the electric sector. Bundros stated the resolution is in anticipation of Dalton Utilities being able to amend Georgia Revenue Bond Law to allow for Dalton Utilities through the auspices of the City, to issue debt to acquire electric generation, transmission, and distribution assets.

Bundros stated that if the Utilities is not successful with State legislators to amend the Georgia Revenue Bond Law then the resolution would be a moot point. Bundros also reiterated that debts that Dalton Utilities issues are revenue bonds and there are no tax pledges to the taxpayer. After a lengthy discussion and questions, the Mayor and Council agreed to carefully review the Resolution within the coming months.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda, on the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Harlan, the agenda was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2019 and the Special Called Regular and Work Session Minutes - August 14, 2019. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADOPTION OF 2019 MILLAGE RATE

The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed 2019 calculated rollback rate of 2.482 mills. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the 2019 Millage Rate of 2.482 mills. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 19-09 ACCEPTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM KEB GROUP, LLC

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 19-09 accepting donation of real property from KEB Group LLC. The resolution is the conveyance of 2 tracts of property as indicated within the deed of conveyance and further described as exhibit "A" a copy of this deed is a part of these minutes. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council approved the resolution. The vote was unanimous in favor.

GA FUEL CARD PROGRAM ADDENDUM FOR DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agreement for the Dalton Fire Department to begin using the Georgia Fuel Card Program. The program is the state contract for fuel purchase with a credit card. The cards will be used by department members when they travel. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council approved the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

APPOINTMENT

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council re-appointed Scott DeLay to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire July 2023. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS – PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK PURCHASE

Public Works Director Benny Dunn came before the Mayor and Council to request \$13,000 be re-allocated from Public Works gas and oil line item to purchase a new pickup truck. Dunn stated that one of his foreman and operator's had a serious rollover accident on July 24th that totaled the 2014 City pickup that was driven. Dunn stated the accident was not the employee's fault and the City is dealing with the other parties' insurance company in which they will pay \$23,000 for reimbursement of the truck. Dunn stated that if he could include re-allocated funds in the amount of \$13,000, Public Works could purchase a new pickup from Ford of Dalton for \$36,000. Council member Wood stated the vehicle is necessary for the operation of public works. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the re-allocation of funds to purchase the new pickup truck. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

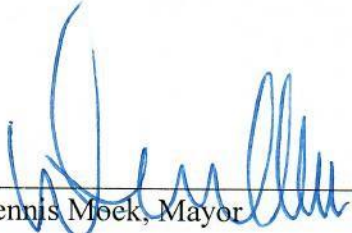
The Dalton City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2019 has been cancelled. City of Dalton government offices will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. The next Mayor and Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019.

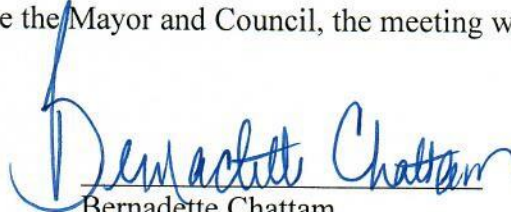
CONGRATULATIONS

City Administrator Jason Parker congratulated Council member Tyree Goodlett for being selected by Georgia municipal association to participate in the inaugural 20 Under 40 focus group with the goal of identifying ways GMA can best serve this age group to improve the future of our entire association.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Dennis Mock, Mayor


Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

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