

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session this evening at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Administrator Andrew Parker and City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe.

OVERVIEW OF ORDINANCE 24-27 – FINAL DRAFT OF CHAPTER 6 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe reviewed the following changes to the current Alcohol Ordinance, the Summary of Changes are as follows:

- Sec. 6-1: Added a definition of “café.” It will have the same hours as other pouring outlets except for restaurants.
2. Sec. 6-1: Slight change to definition of restaurant for clarity.
3. Sec. 6-7: The powers and duties of mayor and council regarding licenses were changed to show that mayor and council will grant or deny an application after a recommendation by the PSC unless the PSC does not hear the application within 60 days of filing with the clerk. In that instance, the mayor and council can consider the application without a recommendation.
4. Sec. 6-8: The powers and duties of the PSC were changed to allow PSC to review applications and make a recommendation to mayor and council.
5. Sec. 6-19: Restaurants are allowed to serve until 2:00a.m. All other pouring outlets must stop serving at 1:00a.m.
6. Sec. 6-20: Restaurants now may close at 3:00a.m., although they must still stop serving alcohol at 2:00a.m. pursuant to Sec. 6-19. All others must be closed at 1:30a.m.
7. Sec. 6-70: Added café to the categories of businesses which can obtain a license.
8. Sec. 6-103: Deleted reference to public recreation area in distance requirements because this is not defined or prohibited in the code.
9. Sec. 6-107: Clarified that evidence supporting disqualification may be presented before the PSC or Mayor and Council, and a violation sufficient for disqualification may also be considered if a license is tendered while a charge is pending but not adjudicated.
10. Sec. 6-113: Deleted all alcohol handler’s training requirements.
11. Sec. 6-146: Added a time limit on requests for hearing following notice of denial of an alcohol license.
12. Sec. 6-209: Added a provision allowing surrender of license, but the surrender while a charge is pending to get out of that charge is deemed an admission and causes the license to be revoked.
13. Sec. 6-231: Slight change to reflect the change in 6-209.
14. Sec. 6-233: Deleted 10-day suspension from 1st offense of sale to underage persons.
15. Sec. 6-234: • Clarified that the on-record review of the PSC hearing is the only review by mayor and council.  
• Added flexibility to continue the hearing to a date no later than 60 days following the PSC’s decision.

OVERVIEW OF ORDINANCE 24-27 – FINAL DRAFT OF CHAPTER 6 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE

Summary of Changes Continued


- Changed the time on failure to rule resulting in a dismissal from 60 to 90 days to account for the fact that the code says mayor and council must hear it within 60 days of the PSC hearing and issue a decision within 30 days.
  - Also required a written decision to be filed with the city clerk in order to start the appeal time set forth in OCGA §5-3-7(b)(2).
16. Sec. 6-235: Deleted section (a) and merged the former section (b) into 6-234 so that there is one review and notice process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rafeek Mughrabi thanked the Mayor and Council for listening to the concerns of the businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council during the Work Session, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

  
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Annalee Sams, Mayor

Approved: 11-18-24

Post: 11-19-24

  
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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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, Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe and City Administrator Andrew Parker.

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 Mock, second Councilmember Lama, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no Public Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no Department Head Reports.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Regular Session minutes of October 21, 2024. On the motion of Councilmember Mock, second Councilmember Goodlett, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

TRAFFIC CONTROL CHANGE - LOVEMAN LANE

Public Works Director Chad Townsend presented a Traffic Control Change for Loveman Lane which would prohibit parking on both sides of the street for 920 feet north of its intersection with Emery Street. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Traffic Control Change was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT #5

CFO Cindy Jackson presented FY-2024 Budget Amendment #5. Jackson stated that Budget amendment #5 for 2024 amends various funds to adjust budgets to actual revenues, additional expenditures, and setup the 2024 SPLOST budget. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, FY2024 Budget Amendment #5 was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the amendment is a part of these minutes,

RESOLUTION 24-16 AUTHORIZING SALE OF LAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DALTON D/B/A DALTON UTILITIES AND CHURCH ON THE HILL, INC.

City Administrator Andrew Parker presented Resolution 24-16 Authorizing the sale of land pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6 (g) between the City of Dalton d/b/a Dalton Utilities and Church on the Hill, Inc. Parker stated the Church on the Hill, Inc. owns real property abutting Dalton Utilities property along V.D. Parrott Pwky and the church wishes to purchase some undeveloped adjoining property from Dalton Utilities.

RESOLUTION 24-16 AUTHORIZING SALE OF LAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DALTON  
D/B/A DALTON UTILITIES AND CHURCH ON THE HILL, INC. Continued

Parker stated that O.C.G.A, 36-37-6(g) authorizes municipal corporations to “sell and convey parcels of narrow strips of land incapable of being used independently to abutting property owners where such sales facilitate the enjoyment of the highest and best use of the abutting owner’s property.

Parker further stated the Church agreed to pay \$27,500 to acquire the property (2.105 acres which equates to fair market value with the condition that the Church must maintain a 15-foot buffer along the northern boundary line of the Dalton Utilities property. On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Lama, the Resolution was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

REAPPOINTMENT - DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council reappointed George Woodward to the Dalton Housing Authority for a 5-year term to expire on 10/14/2029. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 11:00AM for a Second Reading on Ordinance 24-27 To Amend Chapter 6 Of The 2001 Revised Code of The City of Dalton, Georgia Captioned Alcoholic Beverages.

Public Hearing on Millage tax increase to be held at Dalton City Hall on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM and Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM to Adopt the Millage Rate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REAL ESTATE

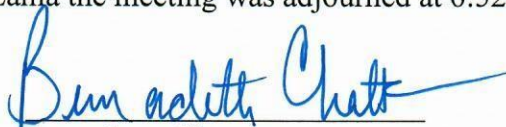
On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. The vote was unanimous in favor.

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council came out of Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. No Action was taken

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Councilmember Farrow, second Councilmember Lama the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk



Annalee Sams, Mayor

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this morning at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Steve Farrow and City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Tyree Goodlett was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams 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 Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 24-27 – Alcohol Beverage Chapter 6

The Mayor and Council held a Second Reading Ordinance 24-27 to Amend Chapter 6 Of The 2001 Revised Code of The City of Dalton, Georgia Captioned "Alcoholic Beverages"; To Provide for An Effective Date; To Provide for The Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; And for Other Purposes.

City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe reviewed the following recent changes:

1. Effective date at the end of the ordinance was changed to 1/1/25.
2. Sec. 6-19 changed to allow all pouring outlets to serve until 1:30a.m. on New Year's Day.
3. Sec. 6-19 updated so that the Trade Center has the same serving time as restaurants.
4. Sec. 6-20 updated to remove the closing time for restaurants. We made the same change with respect to the Trade Center for consistency.
5. Updated Sec. 6-20 to allow other pouring outlets to stay open until 2:00a.m. on New Year's Day, although pouring stops at 1:30.
6. Changed "appeal" to "on-record review" in 6-234.
7. Section 6-20 changed to allow "Restaurants and the preferred caterer and concessionaire are not required to close; however, all alcoholic beverages and containers used for alcoholic beverages must be removed by 3:00a.m. from tables or other areas where patrons are permitted in such establishments."

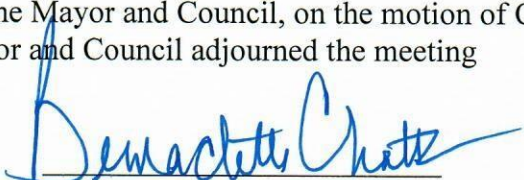
Bledsoe additionally stated with the effective date of January 1, 2025 all licensees applying for a renewal will apply under the new ordinance should it be adopted.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk



Annalee Sams, Mayor

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING #1  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this morning at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Steve Farrow and City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Tyree Goodlett was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams 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 Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PRESENTATION OF 2024 MILLAGE TAX INCREASE

City Administration Andrew Parker stated the City is required by law to hold (3) public hearings when adopting a millage rate higher than the calculated rollback rate. Parker stated this is the 1st of three hearings pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, to publish the presentation of the current year's estimated tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CFO Cindy Jackson stated the Mayor and Council has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 5.10% above the rollback millage rate. Jackson further stated that the tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 1.936 mills (i.e. the same millage rate as 2024), an increase of .094 mills above the calculated rollback rate. Jackson stated without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 1.842 mills. Jackson continued stating the proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$16.92 and non-homesteaded property with a fair market value of \$800,000 is approximately \$75.20.

Parker followed stating that holding the millage flat will allow the City to recover a very de minimis portion of the fund balance contribution the Council has made in 2024 to complete projects. Parker further stated the temporary tax collection order entered by the judge called for 2023 digest plus 10 %. Parker stated after calculations one could have thought that it would have produced a digest of 10% over 2023 values however after doing the math it was significantly lower. Parker further stated that staff concerns were if the city did the roll back it would bring in less revenue than what was calculated on paper because it's been a moving target. Lastly Parker stated that holding the millage flat will be a little bit of insurance to insure the City collects at least what was budgeted for property tax revenues in 2024.

There were no public comments.



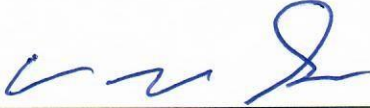
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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING #1 - OF 2024 MILLAGE TAX INCREASE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT

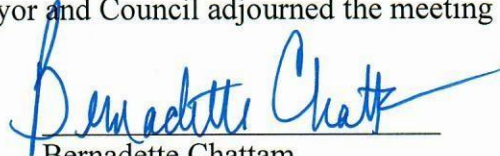
City Administrator Andrew Parker stated The City of Dalton Mayor and Council do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Dalton City Hall, 300 W. Waugh Street, Dalton, GA 30720, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.



Annalee Sams, Mayor



Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING #2  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Nicky Lama, Tyree Goodlett and Steve Farrow, and City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Dennis Mock was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams 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 Lama, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PRESENTATION OF 2024 MILLAGE TAX INCREASE

City Administration Andrew Parker stated the City is required by law to hold (3) public hearings when adopting a millage rate higher than the calculated rollback rate. Parker stated this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the three hearings pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, to publish the presentation of the current year's estimated tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

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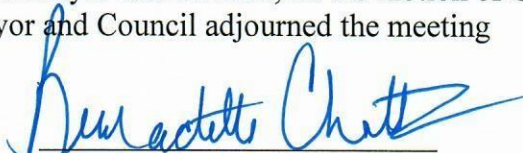
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING #2 - OF 2024 MILLAGE TAX INCREASE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.



Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk



Annalee Sams, Mayor

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THE CITY OF DALTON  
SPECIAL CALLED  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this morning at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, and Steve Farrow. City Administrator Andrew Parker and Council member Tyree Goodlett were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Lama the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION FROM CFO CINDY JACKSON

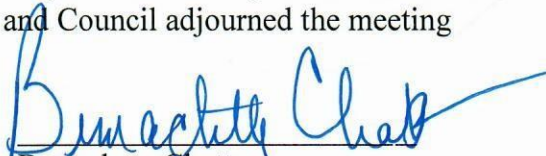
Rollback Millage Rate


CFO Cindy Jackson presented the 2024 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy. Jackson stated that initially, the Council studied keeping the same millage rate from 2023 which would have resulted in a 5.1% increase in collections due to a lack of confidence in the temporary tax digest currently in place. However, she stated after further consideration the recommendation is to adopt the full rollback rate.

On the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council voted to adopt the rollback millage rate of 1.841 mills which will equate to no property tax increase for 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Council member Farrow, second Council member Mock, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

  
Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

  
Annalee Sams, Mayor

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