

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 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

Boy Scout Troop 75

The Mayor and Council recognized Boy Scout Troop 75 from Eastside. Troop 75 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Mayor and Council Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2019. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATION

Red Ribbon Week - October 23-31, 2019 - Greater Rome GA Young Marines

The Mayor and Council proclaimed October 23-31, 2019 as "Red Ribbon Week" and encouraged citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug free City.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Appointment of Information Technology Director

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved Jorge A. Paez to the position of Information Technology Director after an extensive candidate search. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Barry Slaymaker came before the Mayor and Council to thank both the Public Works Department and the Recreation Department for their contributions in completing the new park on College Drive. Mr. Slaymaker also invited the Mayor and Council to the PitchDIA, a new competition for startup entrepreneurs in the Dalton area. The 2019 competition will be held on October 8, 2019.

Octavio Perez came before the Mayor and Council and stated that he has attended the Mayor and Council meetings on the following dates April 15th, June 3rd, and August 19th regarding problems with the current unified zoning. Mr. Perez asked specifically "who was stalling the problem at this point"? City Administrator Jason Parker stated all the members have been actively studying the zoning process and receiving guidance from the planning commission. Parker stated the Mayor and Council is learning as much as they can about the process and its getting close to having public involvement.

Octavio Perez

Continued

Mr. Perez stated he would like to see the problem resolved before the end of the year and stated he would be glad to come to one of the studies to identify the problems. An audio copy of this complete discussion is a part of these minutes.

Mike Maret came before the Mayor and Council and asked if Resolution 19-13 Supporting Local Design Standards could be postponed to identify clarification with the language in the Resolution. The Mayor and Council agreed to table the Resolution during the Work Session.

Kathryn Sellers came before the Mayor and Council to thank Council member Crews for his idea of asking the smaller cities to contribute to the Library. Ms. Sellers stated after hearing this idea she contacted Tunnel Hill, Varnell and Cohutta and they all agreed to contribute to the library in the 2020 budget.

Maria V Mangum, a representative from the Census Bureau came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the upcoming 2020 Census preparations and reminded that Dalton may be under counted and stressed how crucial it was to have everyone counted.

ORDINANCE 19-12

The Mayor and Council reviewed the request of Bryan Spence seeking to rezone a tract of land from Heavy Manufacturing (M-2) to Medium Density Residential (R-3) (parcel 12-182-19-000) containing a total of 1.56 acres located along the east R/W of Chattanooga Avenue. After a lengthy discussion Council member Crews made a motion to approve the request of R-3. The motion died for the lack of a second.

City Administrator Jason Parker stated the planning staff recommended R2 verses R3 for three reason (1) Lower density in the area, (2) closer match with the comprehensive plan and (3) less encroachment development in the flood plains

On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved this request with an R-2 zoning. The vote was unanimous in favor. A complete audio recording of this discussion is a part of these minutes.

RIGHT OF WAY DEED – INTERMARK USA, INC.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Right of Way Deed with Intermark USA Inc. *This Right of way deed is tied to Ordinance 19-12.* Developer Bryan Spence stated he is not in favor of the R-2 zoning for an array of reasons, he stated he wanted to withdraw this deed. City Administrator Jason Parker stated that since the Right of Way Deed is between the City and Mr. Crutchfield, Mr. Crutchfield could choose not to sign it. Assistant Public Works Director Andrew Parker stated that from traffic assessments, the driveways of the development must come off the alley way. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Council authorized the Mayor to execute the deed.

ORDINANCE 19-13

The Mayor and Council reviewed the request of Crutchfield Properties to rezone from Light Manufacturing (M-1) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 1.91 acres located along Conway Street. City Administrator Jason Parker stated there is a buffer conflict with this rezoning, however Parker stated that City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn has advised that the city could issue a buffer variance and this would elevate the burden from the commercial property owner to install a buffer. Parker further stated that the request is that the developer install a vegetative buffer. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Crews, the rezoning was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance 19-14

The Mayor and Council reviewed the request of Greg Sims and John Forshner to rezone from High Density Residential (R-7) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 3 acres along Lance and Richardson Streets. On the motion of Council member Crews, the request died for a lack of a second.

RESOLUTION 19-10 WATER, LIGHT AND SINKING FUND COMMISSION

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 19-10 regarding a bond reimbursement resolution for Dalton Utilities. CEO Tom Bundros explained that Dalton Utilities intends to seek debt financing for electric expenditures. Bundros stated that if approved by the State Legislature in January 2020, all expenditures would involve the approval of the WLSF, the Mayor and Council and a Superior Court Judge. Mayor Mock stated that if the legislative does not change the bond reimbursement law then this resolution is null and void. On the motion of Council member Crews, second Council member Wood, the Resolution was approved. Council members Wood, Harlan and Crews voted aye, Council member Goodlett voted nay.

RESOLUTION 19-13 SUPPORTING LOCAL DESIGN STANDARDS

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council tabled Resolution 19-13 Supporting Local Design Standards. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 19-14 CARPENTRY, LLC DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Mayor and Council reviewed Resolution 19-14 Carpentry, LLC Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund. On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Wood, Resolution 19-14 was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADOPTION OF WHITFIELD COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Mayor and Council reviewed Whitfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CGI 2019 COMMUNITY VIDEO PROGRAM

The Mayor and Council reviewed the CGI 2019 Community Video Program agreement. On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PURCHASE OF POSTAGE MACHINE

The Mayor and Council reviewed (3) options for a new postage machine from CFO Cindy Jackson. On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council chose option #2 to purchase a new machine. The options are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FY-2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT #6

The Mayor and Council reviewing FY-2019 Budget Amendment #6 as follows:

2019 Budget Amendment

Budget Amendment #6 General Fund

- (1) Interest income in excess of budget year-to-date
- (2) Pitney Bowes lease expires 11/19 – purchase of machine
- (3) Transfer communications director from PD to admin budget
- (4) Soft costs for Haig Mill connectivity trail to be funded from donations received in 2018 and included in fund surplus

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the budget amendment was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

WINGS OVER DALTON GA AIRSHOW AGREEMENT 2020

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Wings over Dalton GA Airshow Agreement 2020. After extensive discussion during the work session, on the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the agreement. This agreement is a part of these minutes. Council members Wood, Goodlett and Crews voted aye, Council member Harlan voted nay.

APPROVAL OF SOCCER AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES

On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved the Soccer Affiliation Agreement with Chattanooga Red Wolves. A copy of this agreement is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR FORBEARANCE OF FORECLOSURE OF CLAIM OF LIEN

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Crews, the Mayor and Council approved the agreement that requires the owners of the motel at Tampico Way to pay back the entire cost of the demolition including the asbestos abatement within 12 months. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mayor and Council
Minutes
Page 5
October 7, 2019

TREE BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and Council re-appointed the following to the Tree Board for (3) year terms:

Norville, Rita
Poehlman, John
Potts, David
Purvis, Pete
Stearns, Chris
Purvis, Melva


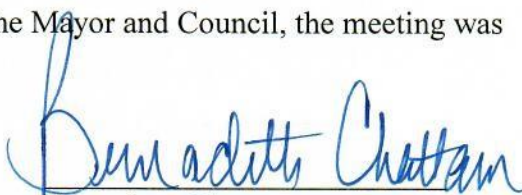
On the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Wood, the Mayor and Council approved the re-appointments. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Dalton has invited Whitfield County, the Town of Cohutta, the City of Tunnel Hill and the City of Varnell to a mediation meeting to renegotiate the current Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10AM at the Brown Center, Room #105, at Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


Dennis Mock, Mayor
Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Recorded
Approved: 10-21-19
Posted: 10-22-19