

THE CITY OF DALTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES  
REGULAR AND WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 14, 2019

The Mayor and Council held A Special Called meeting this afternoon at 12:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Council Members Annalee Harlan, Denise Wood, Tyree Goodlett and Gary Crews, City Administrator Jason Parker and City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Harlan, second Council member Wood, the agenda was approved. The vote was unanimous in suggest.

WORK SESSION

Discussion of Air show

Andrew Wiersma , Dalton Municipal Airport Manager, reported to the Mayor and Council that the Airport Authority had been informed of the Air show and was in support of the show. Wiersma also spoke of different forms for payment for the seed money e to move forward in securing the show at the airport including airport contingency fund and possible hotel-motel tax. Several members of the Council questioned about parking. Wiersma submitted a map of the area that laid out approximately 3400 spaces. Weirsma stated the airport may have to secure additional land surrounding the airport to secure additional parking.

Hotel at Convention Center

Mayor Mock stated to the Council that he received a call from a developer to build a hotel at the Convention Center. Mock stated the developer is ready to proceed, however they need a lease for the property to move forward. Mock stated the developer is planning to build a Hyatt Hotel with 120 to 150 rooms.

Mock further stated that City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn is pursuing options for such a lease whether it is a ground lease through the Dalton Building Authority which owns the property or thru the Joint Development Authority.

City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn stated there will be a need for some real estate work regarding the deeds because the property was never transferred to the City and County and Vaughn also suggested that the Council create a sub committee to review this matter.

Pro Soccer/Cricket Fields

Mayor Mock updated Council members stating that this entity is still looking to complete a stadium and fields in the City. Mock outlined several locations that could be leased including 164 acres behind Edwards Park, the property between Dalton Middle School and Park Creek and property besides Georgia Northwestern College.

WORK SESSION

Continued

Possible Land Swap and Donation  
Removed from Discussion

Upcoming 2020 Census

Mayor Mock informed Council members that as the highest governing official of this jurisdiction the Mayor is responsible for the census. Mock stated he wanted to do a good job for the upcoming 2020 census because in the last census, the city was under counted. Mock stated that he and City Administrator Jason Parker have been working with several associations and county officials respectively. Mock further stated the City's job is to support every effort to increase the census numbers. Mock further stated that in that effort, public service announcements will be made to explain what the census is really about.

Updating Zoning

City Administrator Jason Parker reported that the City has the ability to adjust its zoning standards including changing the lot size and implement design standards improving property values and quality of development. Parker stated it makes sense to look at those possible changes as a concerted effort versus viewing one property at a time that could create additional non-conforming zoning issues. Parker stated he has discussed this with Planning Commission Officials and they will work with the City to create a better zoning product that will be clear to both property owners and property developers, Mayor Mock recommended expediting the plan.

Code Enforcement

Mayor Mock reported that he has received many code enforcement issues. Mock requested that City Officials outline and research the current rules regarding Code Enforcement and decide if it needs updating, amended or if more Code Enforcement Officers are needed. Mock additionally stated that we must clean the city because there is too much blight, too much rubbish and too much litter.

Thrive55

Mayor Mock reported that he met with Thrive55 and they are requesting the City allocate funds in their upcoming 2020 budget to their organization because they work on regional projects that affect Dalton and specifically transportation. Parker stated Thrive55 will be submitting backup documentation of the regional and positive impact they have on the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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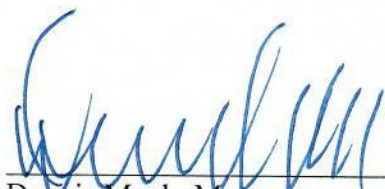
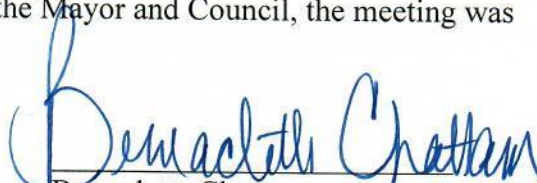
REGULAR SESSION

School Resource Officer Contract

On the motion of Council member Wood, second Council member Harlan, the Mayor and Council approved the School Resource Officer Contract with Dalton Public Schools for 2019-2020 to provide six School Resource Officers. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

  
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Dennis Mock, Mayor  
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Bernadette Chattam  
City Clerk

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