

THE CITY OF DALTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Alderman Denise Wood, Aldermen Tyree Goodlett, Tate O'Gwin and Gary Crews and Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe Bisson and several department heads.

The Mayor and Council reviewed and was briefed on each of the items on the agenda.

Resolution 17-11

Several members of the City of Dalton School Board came before the Mayor and Council regarding Resolution 17-11. The resolution declares the Mayor And Council's intent To Proceed With The Proposed Issuance Of The City Of Dalton Building Authority Revenue Bonds (Dalton Public School System Project), Series 2017, In The Principal Amount Of Approximately \$18,220,000 For The Purpose Of Financing Various Capital Outlay Projects For The Dalton Public School System Approved Pursuant To A Referendum Held On March 21, 2017. Included in the \$18,220,000 is \$4,000,000 for the purchase of land for a new 6/7 school.

Board Members Rick Fromm and Steve Laird both stated that the board would not buy land until voters approve that referendum that will be on the ballot of the General Election on November 7, 2017 that includes the construction cost of a new 6/7 school. Fromm additionally stated that if the referendum is not approved, the school board would use the \$4 million for other projects.

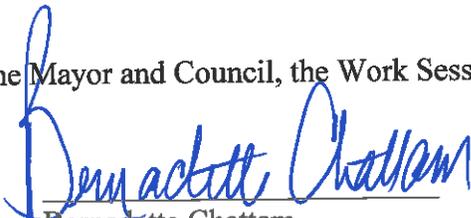
After discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed that they would need in writing a guarantee that they would not buy the land until there was a vote on the referendum. The Mayor and Council further agreed that tabling the motion allows the school board to come back with a proposal that removes that \$4 million.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the Work Session was Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Dennis Mock, Mayor



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City Clerk

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The meeting of the Mayor and Council was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis Mock, Aldermen Denise Wood, Tate O'Gwin, Tyree Goodlett, Gary Crews and Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe. City Attorney James Bisson was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Alderman Goodlett, second Alderman Wood, the Mayor and Council voted to amend and approve the agenda and move the item "Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Increase for Setting of 2017 Millage Rate" New Business to the beginning of the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing for the purpose of a Proposed Tax Increase for Setting of 2017 Millage Rate. The Mayor opened the hearing at 06:01 p.m.

CFO Cindy Jackson presented the computation of millage rate rollback and percentage increase in property taxes for 2017.

Citizen Cathy Holmes stated that even if the rate is rolled back, with the new assessments, it is still a tax increase.

CLOSING - PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing was closed at 6:02 after no further comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Several citizens spoke in opposition of Resolution 17-11 regarding revenue bonds for Dalton Public Schools. School Board members Steve Laird and Rick From spoke in favor of the Resolution.

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council were presented written copies of the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2017. On the motion of Alderman Wood, second Alderman Goodlett, the minutes were approved as written and adopted.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 17-07

On the motion of Alderman Crews, second Alderman O'Gwin, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 17-07 To Amend Chapter 6 Of The 2001 Revised Code Of The City Of Dalton, Georgia Captioned "Alcoholic Beverages"; By Striking, Repealing And Deleting Section 6-18 Captioned: "Hours And Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For Consumption On The Premises". In Its Entirety And Substituting In Lieu Thereof A New Section 6-18 Captioned: "Hours And Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages For Consumption On The Premises"; To Provide For An Effective Date; To Provide For The Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide For Severability; And For Other Purposes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADOPTION OF CITY OF DALTON 2017 MILLAGE RATE

The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed City of Dalton 2017 Millage rate:

General Government M&O	2.506
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On the motion of Alderman Goodlett, second Alderman O’Gwin, the Mayor and Council approved the 2017 Millage rate. Alderman Goodlett, Wood, and O’Gwin voted aye, Alderman Crews voted naye. The vote passed. Jackson stated that although the rate is the same, by State Standards, the rate is an increase due to the increase in property assessments and additional tax dollars being collected.

Alderman Wood addressed the audience stating that the City of Dalton has not increased taxes in 9 years and does not feel the city can cut anymore, Wood additionally stated that the City has delayed maintenance of operations during those years.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH BLULYNX SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Consulting Agreement with BLULYNX SOLUTIONS, INC., for Environmental Assessments for CDBG. On the motion of Alderman Wood, second Alderman O’Gwin, the Council authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) PROGRAM

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan for the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program for the following:

Action Ministries

- Balance of State Rapid Re-housing
- Mountain Initiative Rapid Re-housing

Dalton Whitfield Community Development Corporation

- PH SPC Case Manager

Georgia Housing and Finance Authority

- Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR
- Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR2
- Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR3

On the motion of Alderman Wood, second Alderman Goodlett, the Mayor and Council approved the Certificate of Consistency. The vote was unanimous in favor.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER WITH THE CITY OF CHATSWORTH

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Intergovernmental Transfer between the City of Dalton and the City of Chatsworth for (2) City of Dalton dump trucks for \$2000.00 per vehicle. On the motion of Alderman Crews, second Alderman Wood, the transfer was approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DALTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR ALTERNATES TO THE LAKESHORE PARK PROJECT.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Alternatives and bid documents for the stabilized mulch pathway and the lighting of the pathway/trail. On the motion of Alderman Goodlett, second Alderman Wood, the Mayor and Council approved the following:

Alternate #3 \$7500.00 - stabilized mulch pathway
Alternate #4 \$138,200.00 - lighting around the trail
The vote was unanimous in favor.

DALTON-WHITFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation regarding the Whitfield, Dalton and Varnell Planning Commission staff's proposed Unified Zoning Ordinance Amendments. On the motion of Alderman O'Gwin, second Alderman Crews, the Mayor and Council tabled this item. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 17-11

On the motion of Alderman Wood, second Alderman O'Gwin, the Mayor and Council tabled Resolution 17-11 Declaring Its Official Intent To Proceed With The Proposed Issuance Of The City Of Dalton Building Authority Revenue Bonds (Dalton Public School System Project), Series 2017, In The Principal Amount Of Approximately \$18,220,000 For The Purpose Of Financing Various Capital Outlay Projects For The Dalton Public School System Approved Pursuant To A Referendum Held On March 21, 2017. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 17-15

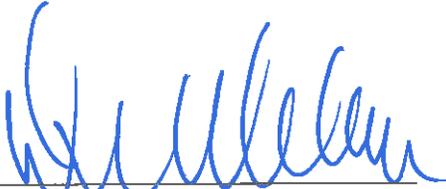
On the motion of Alderman Goodlett, second Alderman O'Gwin, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 17-15 Declaring Its Official Intent To Proceed With The Proposed Issuance Of The City Of Dalton, Georgia Combined Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 For The Purpose Of Financing Certain Public Utility Projects For The Benefit Of Dalton Utilities. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CEO Tom Bundros stated the city would not be liable for repaying the bonds. However Bundros stated that this would have an impact on the utility's water customers. Bundros stated that the Utilities will have a four- to five-year phased-in program of rate increases to pay off the bonds. He stated the rate increases would average 3 to 4 percent a year.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Dennis Mock, Mayor



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