

TOWN OF DALLAS
MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018
5:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderwoman Thomas, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Withers, Alderman Cearley, and Alderwoman Morrow.

The following staff members were present: Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk; Tom Hunn, Town Attorney; Allen Scott, Police Chief; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Tiffany Faro, Development Services Director and Barry Webb, Project Coordinator. Steven Aloisa, Recreation Director; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Steve Lambert, Fire Chief and Jonathan Newton, Finance Director were absent.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Coleman asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Alderman Cearley made a motion to approve with Item 3 Closed Session proceeding before # 5 on the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Thomas, and carried unanimously.

Recognition:

Town Manager Maria Stroupe introduced Mr. Austin Hines as the newly hired Police Dispatcher to the Board. Everyone welcomed Mr. Hines.

Old Business:

Item 4A- was a discussion concerning portraits of elected officials to be hung downstairs at the Courthouse requested by Alderwoman Thomas. She wanted the people utilizing the courthouse to see who the elected officials of Dallas were. After much discussion of costs submitted by invoices & location of the portraits, the Board consensus was to purchase a Town camera to take the portraits and to hang the portraits at Town Hall instead of the Courthouse. This item will be on the Consent Agenda in February 12th Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Alderman Withers made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) to consult with attorneys employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (5:16)

Closed Session:

- A. Attorney(s)/client discussion

Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to exit the Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously. (6:53) No Action Was Taken.

New Business:

Item 5A was a discussion and planning for an Emergency Sewer Interconnect with Gastonia. This discussion originated back in 2013 and the staff would like to proceed with the Emergency Sewer Interconnect. This Interconnect will serve for emergency usage to turn overflow over to the City of Gastonia if needed and possibly as a first step if Dallas decides to turn the sewer over to Gastonia. Gaston County has already approved a \$300,000 township grant to assist towards the cost of this project. The Board gave a consensus to move forward with process. A contract or memorandum would be presented at a Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Item 5B was a discussion of a Text Amendment to Road Naming Ordinance 94.107 requested by Alderwoman Thomas. She decided to table this item until March.

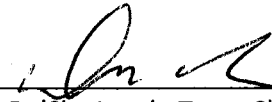
Item 5C was about the Taking Pride in Dallas Coordinator requested by Alderwoman Thomas. Ms. Thomas would like to be removed as the coordinator but would like the program to continue in Dallas. The Board decided that this item will be tabled until April 23rd Work Session Meeting. There will be no more yard selections up through April 2018.

Item 5D was a discussion about a 2004 Chevrolet WT Pickup Truck that had been dedicated to the Water Plant that is ready to be declared surplus. The Rescue Squad has expressed interest in this vehicle. Based on G.S. § 160A-279, the Town can convey or sell this vehicle directly to the Rescue Squad for continued public use. The Board consensus is to allow the donation since it will be for continued public use in Dallas. This will be presented in a meeting session for approval in February or March.

Alderman Huggins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (7:26)



Rick Coleman, Mayor



Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk

