

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
February 10th, 2026
6:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Beaty, Alderman Milton, Alderman Blythe, Alderman Withers, Alderman Martin, and Alderman Cloninger.

The following Staff members were present: Jonathan Newton, Town Manager; Robbie Walls, Police Chief; Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk; Tom Hunn, Town Attorney; Kristin Boone, Finance Director; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Stuart Valzonis, Planning Director; Willie Smith, Electric Director; Earl Withers III, Fire Chief; Alex Wallace, Parks and Recreation Director; Garrison Batchelor, Storm Water Administrator; Patrick McSwain, Admin. Assistant/Cemetery Superintendent; Captain Fleming, Stevie Verrier, Bryon Love, and Scott Brown.

Mayor Beaty called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mayor Beaty opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda:

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, moving item 8A from New Business to 4A Recognition of Citizens, seconded by Alderman Martin and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Alderman Blythe motioned to approve the minutes from the January 13 Regular Minutes, January 15 Pre-Strategic Minutes, January 20 Strategic Planning, and January 27 Work Session Minutes, seconded by Alderman Milton and carried unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens:

Hayley Beaty read the Resolution Designating February 2026 as Black History Month (**Attachment 1**)

Hayley Beaty read the Proclamation to Honor Reid Simms (**Attachment 2**)

Lauren Stefaniak, Principal of Carr Elementary presented the Students of the Month.

Debbie Lowery, with Compliance Training Associates, recognized our Public Works, Electric Department, Water Plant & the WWTP for their achievements with the SHARP Program.

Hannah King, Dallas Resident, spoke in regard to the River Rock access gate.

Corine Hardin, Dallas Resident, had concerns on the house located along Church Street and the homeless living on the property.

Mike Fields, Dallas Resident, Congratulated all the departments of the Town for a great job.

Curtis Wilson, Dallas Resident, Prayed over Town.

Consent Agenda:

5A - Budget Amendments – Award Contract for WTP Expansion (**Attachment 3**)

5B - Budget Amendments –Repairs to Playground at Dennis Franklin Gym (**Attachment 4**)

5C - Parks & Recreation Facility Rental Policy (**Moved to Work Session**)

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended with pulling item 5C to the February Work Session, seconded by Alderman Cloninger, and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

7A - Duke Rate Increase on Wholesale

Duke Power's forecasted rates for the Town of Dallas included a four percent increase in wholesale purchases. Dallas went roughly 12 years with no electric increases, with the exception of the last two years. To cover increased cost, the Electric fund will have to rely on net position if charges outweigh revenues at year end. The increase was discussed at the budget strategic planning meeting in January, and it was asked to bring back this item for a motion at the February board meeting. If approved to increase all electric rates by four percent, the attached fee schedule will need to also be approved. **(Attachment 5)**

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to raise rates effective April 1st, seconded by Alderman Blythe. The motion carried, 4 to 1, with Alderman Withers voting in opposition.

New Business:

8B 8A - Stormwater Master Plan Presentation – Withers Ravenel

The Town of Dallas has been working with Withers Ravenel Engineering to complete a comprehensive Stormwater Inventory Study. This study evaluates the Town's existing stormwater infrastructure, identifies system needs, and provides long-term recommendations to improve stormwater management and planning efforts. The final phase of this project is the presentation of the Stormwater Master Plan to the Board of Aldermen. In order to satisfy the Town's funding requirements through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), the Board must formally vote to accept the completed plan. Acceptance of the Master Plan fulfills the State's grant and reporting obligations and allows the Town to receive its full funding allotment. Approval of the plan does not obligate the Town to implement the recommendations verbatim but rather acknowledges receipt and completion of the planning document.

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to approve the Stormwater Master Plan, seconded by Alderman Milton, and carried unanimously.

8C 8B - MPO Alternate for GCLMPO

The Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) is the regional transportation planning body responsible for coordinating transportation priorities, projects, and funding across participating jurisdictions. The Town of Dallas is represented through an appointed member, and the Board is requested to designate an alternate representative to attend meetings and vote on behalf of the Town in the event the primary representative, Mayor Beaty, is unavailable. Our current alternate representative is Alderman Sam Martin. The Board must decide and vote on who the new alternate should be.

Alderman Martin made a motion for Alderman Blythe to be the appointed member, seconded by Alderman Cloninger, and carried unanimously.

Mayor and Aldermen's Report:

Mayor Beaty is excited to say that the Aquatics Center has gone vertical and believes they are going to start digging pools next week.

Manager's Report:

Town Manager Newton mentioned bringing items regarding the Aquatics Centers to the Work Session.

Adjourn:

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Martin and carried unanimously (7:20).

Alderman Milton made a motion to go out of Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Withers and carried unanimously (8:19).

Alderman Milton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Withers and carried unanimously (8:19).

Hayley Beaty, Mayor

Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk

PROCLAMATION TO HONOR REID SIMMS FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE TOWN OF DALLAS PLANNING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Dallas values the dedication of residents who volunteer their time to serve the community through local boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Reid Simms has served the Town of Dallas as a member of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, offering thoughtful input and a strong commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, through their service, Reid Simms has contributed to decisions that support responsible growth and help preserve the character of the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Town of Dallas expresses its sincere appreciation to Reid Simms for their service to the Planning Board and for their dedication to the residents of Dallas.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Town extends best wishes to Reid Simms in all future endeavors.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2026.

Attested By:

Hayley Beaty, Mayor

Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION

Designating February 2026 as Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month was formally adopted in 1976 to honor and affirm the importance of Black history throughout the American experience; and

WHEREAS, the history of people of African heritage spans tens of thousands of years and includes some of the most advanced, innovative, and influential societies in human history; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant and enduring role in shaping the history, culture, and progress of the United States, contributing in countless fields including public service, education, science, business, the arts, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month encourages all Americans to reflect upon the rich history, culture, and contributions of African Americans and to recognize the progress and achievements they have made to society; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Black History Month provides an opportunity for the residents of Dallas to promote understanding, unity, and respect within our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas Board of Aldermen does officially designate February 2026 as Black History Month in the Town of Dallas, and in doing so, does recognize the accomplishments and countless significant contributions made to society by individuals of African heritage.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Attested By:

Hayley Beaty, Mayor

Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

Town of Dallas
Budget Amendment

Date: February 10, 2026

Action: WS Budget Amendment

Purpose: To appropriate funds for WTP Phase I Expansion

Number: WS 002

Fund	Dept	Line Item	Item Description	Original Amount	Amended Amount	Difference
20	3999	0000	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$111,828	\$322,828	\$211,000
20	8200	0400	Professional Services	\$16,000	\$227,000	\$211,000

Approval Signature
(Town Manager)

Town of Dallas
Budget Amendment

Date: February 10, 2026

Action: Recreation Budget Amendment

Purpose: To appropriate funds for repairs to playground

Number: GF 001

Fund	Dept	Line Item	Item Description	Original Amount	Amended Amount	Difference
10	3999	0000	Misc GF	\$458,507	\$475,512	\$17,005
10	5700	1525	Maint & Repairs Parks and Courts	\$30,600	\$46,570	\$15,970
10	5700	1111	Freight	\$12,000	\$13,035	\$1,035

Approval Signature

(Town Manager)

TOWN OF DALLAS - ELECTRIC SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

RATE A: RESIDENTIAL

		BASE CHARGE
\$15.91		350 KWH used per month
\$0.1004	Per KWH for the FIRST	950 KWH used per month
\$0.1257	Per KWH for the NEXT	1300 KWH used per month
\$0.1103	Per KWH for ALL OVER	

RATE B: RESIDENTIAL WITH ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

		BASE CHARGE
\$15.912		350 KWH used per month
\$0.1004	Per KWH for the FIRST	950 KWH used per month
\$0.1180	Per KWH for the NEXT	1300 KWH used per month
\$0.1071	Per KWH for ALL OVER	

RATE C: RESIDENTIAL TOTAL ELECTRIC

		BASE CHARGE
\$15.91		350 KWH used per month
\$0.1004	Per KWH for the FIRST	950 KWH used per month
\$0.1093	Per KWH for the NEXT	1300 KWH used per month
\$0.0993	Per KWH for ALL OVER	

RATE D: COMMERCIAL GENERAL SERVICE

MINIMUM CHARGE:	Demand Charge	
DEMAND CHARGE:	\$15.44 for the FIRST	30 KW Billing Demand or less per month
	\$5.51 Per KWH for ALL OVER	30 KW Billing Demand per month
ENERGY CHARGE:	\$0.1318 Per KWH for the FIRST	3,000 KWH used per month
	\$0.0974 Per KWH for the NEXT	87,000 KWH used per month
	\$0.0760 Per KWH for ALL OVER	90,000 KWH used per month

RATE E: INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

MINIMUM CHARGE:	Demand Charge	
DEMAND CHARGE:	\$31.83 for the FIRST	30 KW Billing Demand or less per month
	\$5.30 Per KWH for ALL OVER	30 KW Billing Demand per month
ENERGY CHARGE:	\$0.1246 Per KWH for the FIRST	3,000 KWH used per month
	\$0.0834 Per KWH for the NEXT	87,000 KWH used per month
	\$0.0649 Per KWH for ALL OVER	90,000 KWH used per month

SECURITY LIGHTS

TYPE 1:	\$12.83 per month	100 WATTS
TYPE 2:	\$17.88 per month	250 WATTS
TYPE 3:	\$24.75 per month	400 WATTS
POLE:	\$2.77 per month	For pole installed specifically for light service