

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
January 13th, 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; Zack Foreman, Assistant Public Works Director; Kristin Boone, Finance Director; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Stuart Valzonis, Planning Director; Brittany Beam, Planner; Willie Smith, Electric Director; Matt Kanupp, Assistant Fire Chief; Alex Wallace, Parks and Recreation Director; and David Lingafelt, Code Enforcement Officer.

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 with additions, seconded by Alderman Blythe and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Alderman Martin motioned to approve the minutes from the December 9th Meeting, seconded by Alderman Milton and carried unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens:

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

Hayley Beaty read proclamation in Remembrance of Kammie Monk.

Hannah King, Dallas resident, spoke on the traffic safety concerns of the elderly community in River Rock and inquired on the gate that is currently not allowing entry to Eden Glenn that would allow a safer way of travel to access Dallas Cherryville Highway.

Jeremiah Doster, Dallas resident, spoke on electric scooters. There has been an increase in electric scooters being ridden along the roads. Brought up safety concerns on people riding the electric scooters in the dark and high rates of speed and not abiding by traffic laws.

Regina Carbone, Dallas resident, regarding the traffic and River Rock, has spoken with NCDOT about a traffic light at the intersection. NCDOT informed her that they cannot put a traffic light there unless there is sidewalk and ramp access at the intersection. They are looking at the slip plane that comes off Dallas Bessemer Highway to possibly remove it.

Gabriel Pelayo, Dallas resident, inquired about the recycling containers by the police station, that used to be there few years ago, would like to know what happened with that.

Mike Fields, Dallas resident, thanked the Town for doing a great job this past year. Wishes everyone a great new year and welcomed Alderman Dale Blythe to the Board.

Curtis Wilson, Dallas resident, Prayed over Town.

Consent Agenda:

5A - Budget Amendments – Duke Energy Refund, Wal-Mart Grant, NCDPS Reimbursement

5B - Response to Auditors' Findings, Recommendations, and Fiscal Matters

5C – Award Bid to Border States for Electrical Purchase

Alderman Martin made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Cloninger, and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings: NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

8A - Appointment of Carla Howell to Planning Board/Board of Adjustment

Carla Howell currently serves as an alternate to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. A vacancy has occurred on the Planning Board due to the resignation of Reid Simms. Carla has shown interest in moving from the alternate seat to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. If approved by the Board of Aldermen, Carla would be appointed to serve the remainder of Mr. Simms's term, which expires in January 2027.

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to Appoint Carla Howell to Planning Board/Board of Adjustment from Alternate, seconded by Alderman Blythe, and carried unanimously.

8B - Donation of Personal Property

The Dallas Police Department has a five-year-old male German Shepherd K-9, by the name of Salko, that is failing to perform his duties as a member of the K-9 Unit. Staff are asking that the K-9 be donated to the Gaston County Police Department, as well as the kennel as they have a need for Salko. We also ask that at this time, we will dissolve the K9 unit within the Police Department. Also, Salko would be removed from the Town of Dallas inventory. Attached is the Resolution stating the action.

Alderman Milton made a motion to adopt the resolution 'Donation of Personal Property', seconded by Alderman Withers, and carried unanimously.

8C - Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Reappointment – Curtis Wilson

Curtis Wilson's current three-year term on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment has expired. Mr. Wilson has expressed interest in continuing service on both Boards. The Board of Aldermen may reappoint him for another three-year term to be served January 2026 – January 2029. Mr. Wilson has been, and continues to be, an asset to the Town's appointed boards and Staff recommends his reappointment to serve.

Alderman Cloninger made a motion to re-appoint Curtis Wilson to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, seconded by Alderman Blythe, and carried unanimously.

Mayor and Aldermen's Report:

Mayor Beaty thanked Staff. Informed everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr Event, would love to see everyone there on Monday. On January 21st from 4-7 there is a open house for Parks & Rec Master Plan to get public input to help improve Dallas.

Manager's Report:

Town Manager Newton reminded Staff and Board of the upcoming Strategic Planning Board meeting this Thursday and next Tuesday. The charging station at Town Hall is up and working, parking spots have also been painted and stripped.

Adjourn:

Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Cloninger and carried unanimously (6:39).

Hayley Beaty, Mayor

Lindsey Tysinger, Town Clerk