

City of Dalton Gardens
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Meeting conducted via teleconference and in person.

1. **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Opened 6:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Sue Supp, Scott Jordan, Gary Sonnen, Tyler Drechsel and Mayor Jernigan were physically present; Also present: Candi Baker-Interim City Clerk.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Gary Sonnen
4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - a. Minutes from the Special Meeting May 14, 2024
 - b. Minutes from the Regular Meeting May 22, 2024
 - c. Minutes from the Special Meeting May 24, 2024
 - d. Minutes from the Special Meeting June 11, 2024
 - e. Ratification of Bills from May 3, 2024, to June 16, 2024

Council person SSupp made a motion to approve the consent calendar. GSonnen seconded.
SJordan: yes SSupp: yes GSonnen: yes TDrechsel: yes Motion carries.

5. **CITY REPORTS:**
 - a. **City Engineer-** Scott McArthur gave an update of the chipseal completed in the city, reviewed the process and made suggestions for future improvements to the process moving forward.
 - b. **City Planner Report-** Included in meeting packet and available to view on the city website.
 - c. **Code Compliance Report-** Jill Ainsworth reported consistent compliance violation calls reported and shared her progress with backlogged compliance issues. Harper Motorsports received warning to not allow test drives throughout the residential district.
 - d. **City Attorney-** No Report
 - e. **City Council**
 - i. Council Person Jordan- Scott Jordan updated the council of his intent to investigate pricing for the city hall parking lot and the completion of Dalton Avenue. No pricing available yet.
 - ii. Council Person Drechsel- Tyler Drechsel reported considering adding a water bottle station in lieu of the fountain in the city park. He also updated the council of the security system finalization after staffing is confirmed. Additionally, he mentioned the city provided insurance for staff is 7%, far below the national average of 13%.
 - iii. Council Person Sonnen- Gary Sonnen stated that he has observed vegetation that needs removed from the city hall shop. Additionally, he updated the council of water leaks at the arena and the action taken to repair the leaks.
 - iv. Council Person Supp- Susan Supp presented the council with a report outlining suggestions for budgetary items as necessary priorities to improve efficiency and long-term sustainability. Suggestions included digital scanning and software implementation.
 - f. **City Mayor-** Mayor Jernigan presented the council with a digital newsletter for consideration.

6. CITY BUSINESS:

- a. Newsletter Presentation by NIC Intern Hunter Korsen-** Mayor Jernigan introduced Hunter Korsen to offer a preview of the city newsletter, to be dispatched to residents six times annually. He also gave a step-by-step illustration of the user-friendly system designed to subscribe, and helped residents easily locate directions with a QR code.
- b. Consideration of Funding Dalton Gardens Newsletter-** The council discussed the financial options and benefits of adopting a city newsletter. Council person Jordan offered to financially obligate to half of the cost for the first year and challenged the mayor to match his donation. Mayor Jernigan accepted.
- c. Consideration of Closing City Hall on Fridays-** The council discussed the benefits of moving city hall hours to 4 ten-hour days and closing on Fridays.

TDrechsel made a motion to close city hall on Fridays and change to a 4-day 10-hour shift staff schedule. SSupp seconded.

SJordan: yes SSupp: yes GSonnen: yes TDrechsel: yes

Motion carries.

- d. Consideration of Sharon Haunschild to lead Picnic Committee-** No action needed. Council all in favor of Mrs. Haunschild sphere heading the city picnic as a committee leader. Mrs. Haunschild gave an update on the progress of the picnic and announced the date of September 7, 2024. Councilmembers TDrechsel, SJordan, and Mayor Jernigan all committed to volunteer.
- e. Consideration of Setting Date for Budget Workshop-** The council selected July 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM to hold a FY25 Budget Workshop.
- f. Consideration of utilizing handyman services for specific well-defined tasks-** Gary Sonnen suggested the city contract a handyman to perform the specific needs of the city that don't require the bidding process. TDrechsel offered to reach out to a potential handyman to fill the need. No action taken.
- g. Discussion of Digitizing City Documents and Drawings-** No further discussion.

Mayor Jernigan opened the meeting to public comment at 7:47 PM

Eileen Wilson- 7454 N Valley Street: Concerned about the funds being spent at the Planning & Zoning meetings and hours spent on agenda items by the City Planner. She suggested the City Council communicate with P&Z prior to using city funds for ordinance changes.

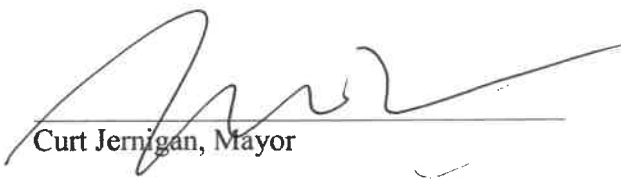
Robert Wuest- 7776 N Mt Carrol Street: Shared his appreciation of the council's diligence and involvement in improving the city and residents' needs. He suggested completing the parking lot of city hall.

Sandra Sonnen- 7447 N Valley Street: Suggested interns to help scan documents and asked the council to consider who might replace the NIC intern to maintain the newsletter when he leaves.

Clark Young- 7064 N 4th: Notified the council of large dump trucks through the city.

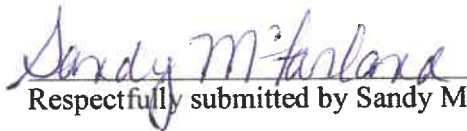
7. ADJOURNMENT:

**SJordan made motion to adjourn. GSonnen seconded.
All in favor. Adjourned 8:00 PM**



Curt Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Respectfully submitted by Sandy McFarland, City Clerk