

**DALTON GARDENS CITY COUNCIL SPEED STUDY WORKSHOP & REGULAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

*Present:* Mayor Curt Jernigan, Councilmembers Sue Supp, Gary Sonnen, and Scott Jordan

*Absent:* Tyler Drechsel

*Staff Present:* City Clerk Sandy McFarland, City Engineer Scott McArthur, City Attorney Susan Weeks and City Planner Jill Ainsworth

3. **Safety Study Workshop**

Mayor Jernigan presented the speed study including the HMH Traffic Study to the council and addressed safety concerns he has that justify reducing the thirty-five (35) miles per hour statutory speed limit established by Idaho Code § 49-654 to twenty-five (25) miles per hour within the city limits of Dalton Gardens. The Mayor provided the following reasons he proposes adopting an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph within city limits:

- **Multimodal Use of the Roads:** The Mayor noted the roads in the City of Dalton Gardens are subject to multimodal use, including bicyclists, pedestrians, children playing, and occasional horseback riders.
- **Public Right-of-Way Characteristics:** The Mayor noted that there are no sidewalks to accommodate some of the above uses, the 1907 public dedication for the streets was not designed with today's traffic needs in mind; the shoulders to the road are very narrow leading to street parking encroaching into the travel width of the public streets and causing crash hazards to be very proximate to the travel surfaces of the streets; that numerous driveways enter the road; and the proximity of crash hazards to the travel surface due to the narrow shoulder widths of the streets, including mailboxes.

Mayor Jernigan opened the workshop for discussion, inviting each council member to share their thoughts on whether the speed limit in Dalton Gardens should be raised or remain at 25 mph. Council shared the Mayor's concerns. Council member Supp also noted that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed study sets speed based on driver behavior rather than safety and characteristics of the road. Council members explored various options for maintaining public safety if the speed limit were increased, such as installing curbs and sidewalks.

However, it was concluded that the city did not have the necessary funds for these measures. Council expressed support for considering an ordinance at its December 18, 2024, council meeting reducing the statutory speed limit should be reduced from the statutory minimum of 35 mph to 25 mph.

**4. Public Comment:**

Ray Craft is against increasing the speed limit to the statutory minimum of 35 mph and advocated it be set at 25 mph. He shared his reasons for wanting the limit to be set at 25 mph.

Robert Wuest spoke in favor of decreasing the speed limit from the statutory 35 mph.. Mr. Wuest noted braking distances increased exponentially as travel speed increased, noting at 25 mph is 55 feet, and at 30 mph it is 115' increase exponentially as speed increases. Mr. Wuest expressed concerns for the children in the community and noted lower speed limits reduces the potential damage and increased survivability in the event of a crash.

Mayor Jernigan read Linda Craft's email to the council. Linda is in favor of the speed limit being reduced from the statutory limit of 35 mph to 25mph. She shared her reason for wanting the limit to be set at 25mph.

**Workshop Closed: 5:42pm**

1. **Call to Order:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

*Present:* Mayor Curt Jernigan, Councilmembers Sue Supp, Gary Sonnen, and Scott Jordan

*Absent:* Tyler Drechsel

*Staff Present:* City Clerk Sandy McFarland, City Engineer Scott McArthur, City Attorney Susan Weeks and City Planner Jill Ainsworth

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Jernigan led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Consent Calendar (Action Item)**

Moved by Supp and seconded by Jordan to approve the ratified bills with credit card correction.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Sonnen to approve the meeting minutes for October 23, 2024, and November 6, 2024, as presented.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

5. **City Business**

a. Action Item: Proposed Snowplow Policy. Mayor and Councilmember presented this item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Jordan to approve and amend the Snowplow Policy.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- b. Action Item: Proposed assisting Dalton Elementary School with a toy drive or supporting families in need at Christmas time. Mayor presented this item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Jordan and seconded by Supp to approve assisting Dalton Elementary School with a toy drive and supporting families in need during the Holiday.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- c. Action Item: Proposed replacing City Hall parking lot lighting to LED.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Sonnen to table item until December 18, 2024, meeting.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- d. Action Item: Proposed resurfacing of City Hall parking lot.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Jordan to table item until the December 18, 2024, meeting.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- e. Action Item: Proposed expanding fire monitoring to shop and network and camera upgrades. Mayor presented this item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Jordan to table item until December 18, 2024, meeting.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- f. Action Item: Proposed purchasing of a new laptop not to exceed \$2,000. Mayor presented item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Sonnen and seconded by Jordan to approve the purchase of a new laptop with ARPA Funds not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- g. Action Item: Proposed repairing the retaining wall at the Arena. Mayor and Councilperson Sonnen presented the item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Sonnen and seconded by Supp to approve the repair of the retaining wall at the Arena using ARPA funds, in the amount of \$14,960, with a 10% contingency bringing the total to \$16,500.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- h. Action Item: Proposed purchasing picnic tables. Mayor and Councilperson Sonnen presented item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Supp and seconded by Jordan to purchase 6 picnic tables from Belson using ARPA funds for \$9,864.85, with a 10% contingency bringing the total to \$11,000.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- i. Action Item: Proposed purchasing of a snow blower. Mayor and Councilperson Sonnen presented this item to council. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Jordan and seconded by Supp to purchase an Ariens 28-inch snow blower with ARPA funds for \$1,699.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, Drechsel and Jordan

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

- j. Discussion Item: Agenda items for future meetings
  1. Special Council meeting in December for ARPA funds.
  2. Public Hearing for adopting speed study ordinance.

## 6. Public Comments

Clark Young addressed the council regarding the repair of the retaining wall at the arena and the purchase of picnic tables.

Ray Craft addressed the council regarding the purchase of a snowblower and offered to donate his snowblower to the City.

Sharon Haunschild provided an update to the council on the City's Christmas Party, scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

## 7. City Reports

- a. City Engineer  
Provided an update on North and South Davenport Street, the Dalton Extension, the 2025 crack seal project, and drainage issues in Aqua Circle. Requested any questions from the Council.
- b. City Planner/Code Compliance Officer  
Provided a report to council and asked if the council had any questions.

- c. City Attorney  
Informed the council that she has reviewed the lease addendums from the city's tenants, which will be presented at the next council meeting. She also mentioned that she has been reviewing the KCSO agreement with Mayor.
- d. KCSO  
Mayor read report from Deputy Phillips.
- e. City Financial Officer  
None
- f. City Clerk  
Updated council on permits, OpenGov, and Clerk weekly activities.
- g. City council  
Council Member Jordan  
None  
Council Member Drechsel  
None  
Council Member Sonnen updated the council on obtaining new quotes from a different vendor for the previously approved work to be done at the arena.  
Council Member Supp gave an update to council on the digitization project.  
Mayor Jernigan thanked the council and provided an update on the digitization project and the purchase of the server.

**8. Executive Session (I.C. § 74-206(\*))**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Jordan and seconded by Sonnen to adjourn.

**Result: Passed**

**AYES:** Supp, Sonnen, Drechsel and Jordan

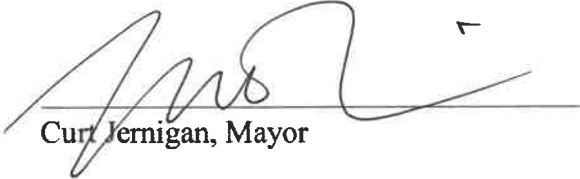
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RECUSE:** None

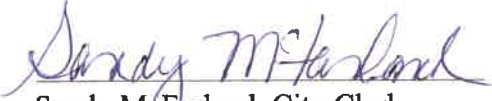
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Passed this 18 day of December.



Curt Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandy McFarland, City Clerk