

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF DALTON GARDENS APRIL 2, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE @ 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilmembers Chase, O'Brien, Wuest and Craft. Also present were Attorney Caitlin Kling, Rand Wichman, City Planner and Valerie Anderson, City Clerk.

The pledge was not recited at this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 5, 2020, Emergency Meeting March 19, 2020.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

B. Financial Statement from March 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 and the claims so listed.

Councilmember Wuest made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

C. The Sweep Contract – Bike path, City parking lot & Horse arena parking lot cleaning.

Councilmember Chase made a motion to approve The Sweep Contract. Councilmember Wuest seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPEAL ON BUILDING PERMIT 3771 FOR JORDAN'S

Rand Wichman – City Planner suggested that Mr. Gabbert the attorney for the Jordan's present the appeal to the council.

Mr. Gabbert, the Attorney representing Robert & Nora Jordan, owners of the property located at 2750 E. Hanley explained that this is an administrative appeal determination under the Dalton Gardens City Code to stop work on a shop being built on the property. The shop in question is 28' 7" in height and the code requirement is 25'. The construction plans exceeded the height limitations for the zone and that all work must cease until addressed. The Attorney report and the City Planner staff report are included in the council minutes.

The Council discussed the appeal on the shop building in great detail. They discussed that if the permit was to be approved it should go the Planning & Zoning Commission for a variance. Councilmember Wuest stated that the pitch of the roof can be changed to meet the height requirements.

Councilmember Craft made a motion to deny the appeal for the shop building height on permit 3771. Councilmember Chase seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes,

Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 190

Lila Tatum – 7080 N. Valley – Asked what the Ordinance addresses and what the changes are to commercial traffic?

Attorney Kling explained the changes which are being made in the Ordinance 190. The ordinance governs speed limits, commercial vehicles and load limits of commercial traffic in the City. She went through the strike outs and additions to the ordinance to eliminate the commercial delivery in the city for just through traffic.

Richard Epstein – 7224 Valley Street – He questioned the businesses outside the city limits on Wilbur and Hanley Ave. It is to properties that are not Dalton residents.

Joe Myers – 7424 Mt. Carrol – Ordinance 190, under Title 8, 8-2-2B, he stated that in Ordinance #33 the City of Dalton Gardens has always had a restriction on commercial vehicles traveling on roads in the City. He stated that Section B is making a change in allow commercial vehicles to travel within the City. Why are you encouraging people to bring commercial home on Dalton Street's. The commercial vehicles are coming in under a grandfather clause which has vested rights.

Councilmember Chase made a motion to place the proposed amendment to Ordinance 190 on its first and only reading by title only while under suspension of the rules. Councilmember Wuest seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Edwards read the Ordinance 190 by title.

Councilmember Chase made a motion to pass the Ordinance 190 amendments and direct city clerk to assign the appropriate ordinance number, and publish by summary only incorporating the title as to body of the summary. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilmember Chase – yes, Councilmember O'Brien – yes, Councilmember Wuest – yes, Councilmember Craft – yes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN RELATION TO WILBUR AVE

Councilmember Chase gave a brief overview of what this item on the agenda is for. She stated that we need to reduce the traffic on Wilbur Ave. as the punch through to Highway 95 is already in the works. She stated that the Comprehensive Plan of 2009 and 2020 both stated that residents want to reduce traffic in Dalton Gardens. She would like to have funding for a concept plan design to eliminating through traffic on Wilbur Ave as a through street.

Attorney Kling stated that we should set a workshop with the engineer in a public forum.

Lila Tatum – 7080 N. Valley – She stated that we need to stop the traffic from coming through Dalton Gardens.

Gary Sonnen – 7447 Valley – He stated that the decrease of traffic on Wilbur Ave will potential increase the traffic on other streets in Dalton.

Susan Supp – 7024 N. 16th Street – She stated that she is support of Councilmember Chase and that we need to get a new set of eyes with a new engineer.

Mike Chase – 7512 4th Street – He is not in agreement with the statement of more traffic on other streets.

Mayor Edwards suggested that we also get the Transportation plan updated and look at a concept plan design at the same time with our engineer. We do not have a lot of options in hiring an engineering firm.

The other council members all agreed that the hiring of engineering, updating the transportation plan and doing a concept plan design is a great idea and we need to have a workshop and discuss the issues.

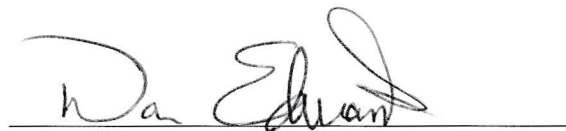
DISCUSSION OF STARTING AND HIRING OUR OWN POLICE FORCE

Mayor Edwards stated that he had talked to the police departments and they suggested we start our own law enforcement in Dalton Gardens. They indicated that one full time and one part time officer's would run about \$130,000 and a vehicle would be about \$40,000.


The council all are in support and in favor of looking into the police force as it will help enforce our codes, they stated that it will increase taxes to the residents and we should talk to the County Sheriff who will be elected this year. Traffic enforcement will not stop through traffic. The council asked if it would be for domestic cases or traffic cases only. We also need to look at the administrative cost, insurance and public records act and all other expenses.

Mike Chase – 7512 4th Street – Hayden Lake was less area for patrol and we need to look at all of our options.

Councilmember Chase made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Craft seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Mayor Dan Edwards



Valerie S. Anderson, City Clerk