

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Alex Brown, Anthony Walker, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Russell, Police Chief Cliff Cason, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, Attorney Jason Connell from the City Attorney's Office, City Attorney Terry Miller, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle. Commissioner Terry Mathis was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the agenda was amended to allow the Police Department to present first under Personnel Matters. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – New Officer Confirmation

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the following personnel as new Dalton Police officers.

- Officer Christopher Akins
- Officer Timothy Chiders
- Officer Matthew Grubbs
- Officer Eduardo Mendiola

The vote was unanimous in favor. City attorney Terry Miller administer the oath of office for the new Police Officers.

Dalton Fire Department – Promotion of Firefighter

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission promoted Firefighter Gabe Shupe to the rank of Engineer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes for August 22, 2023. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the special called meeting minutes for August 25, 2023. On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for August 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of August 2023. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 11.39% lower and Part II crimes are approximately 9.1% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 128 non-private property crashes reported for the month has increased over the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the report was approved. The complete report in its entirety is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Financial Statistics for August 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of August 2023. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 58.2% of the budget, and are on track for the remainder of the FY 2023.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the financial report was approved. The complete report in its entirety is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Written Directive Review

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following written directive reviews for approval:

- 2.7 Crime Prevention / Community Involvement
- 2.26 Field Training Officer and Mentoring Programs
- 3.10 Off-Duty / Extra-Duty Employment
- 4.1 Patrol Organization and Administration
- 4.2 Use of Police Vehicles

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission adopted the Written Directives. The written directives are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPUTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – August 2023

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Russell presented the August 2023 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Russell outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 370 Total Responses, an Injuries and Property Report, Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety Division Monthly Report and the Inspection Summary.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commissioners approved the Statistical Report for the Fire Department. A copy of the report outlining all incident values is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Monthly Financial Report – August 2023

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Russell presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2023 to the Commission. Chief Russell stated the department has expended 64.7% of the budget, and are on track for the remainder of the FY 2023.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commissioners approved the Financial Report for the Fire Department. A copy of the report is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the following Fire Department policies.

- Reviewed SOP – FO-14 Mayday Procedures
- Reviewed SOP – FO-16 Emergency Evacuation
- Reviewed SOP – GP-2 Uniform Dress Classes and Usage
- Reviewed SOG – SCBA-03 Refilling SCBA and SCUBA Cylinders

A copy of each approved policy is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary