

**CITY OF DALTON  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2020**

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Bill Weaver, Commissioners Terry Mathis, Anthony Walker, Luis Viamonte, Truman Whitfield, Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Administrator Jason Parker, and City Attorney Gandi Vaughn. Councilmember Annalee Harlan was absent.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, the Agenda was amended to add the following item to the agenda.

- Under New Business, Item #2 – Dalton Strategic Priorities

The vote was unanimous in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Georgia Public Health Department COVID-19 Report (Informational)**

Commissioner Viamonte informed the Commission that the local Health Department has created a “snapshot” which gives the degree of COVID cases in our area (North West Georgia). Commissioner Viamonte noted the snapshot data is broken down by incidents, percentages, demographics, race, and ethnicity. The snapshot report is updated weekly and can be found at <http://nghd.org/pr/37--sp-407/1165-covid19.html>.

**Dalton Strategic Priorities (Informational)**

City Administrator Jason Parker presented to the Commission a copy of the City of Dalton’s Strategic Priorities. Chairman Weaver pointed out that the Commission is an instrument of the City and should keep in mind the priorities below when the Commission discusses any topic with regards to Public Safety.

- 1) Create an Enticing Community that will be an attractive place to live and work (EC)
- 2) Improving the Quality of Life (QL)
- 3) Innovation: Make and keep Dalton a creative and unique place to live and work (IN)
- 4) Collaboration: Increase collaboration internally, and externally with other local governments, schools and community groups (CO)

A detail copy of the Dalton Strategic Priorities is a part of these minutes.

**MINUTES**

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of July 28, 2020. On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**(2) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS**

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the following new alcohol application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

1.	Business Owner:	OM SHIV SHIVAM CORP
	d/b/a:	Gold Beer Shop
	Applicant:	Sangitaben Bavariya
	Business Address:	1125 E. Walnut Ave Suite A
	Type:	Package Beer, Package Wine
	Disposition:	New

(2) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS

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On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, the Commission approved the following new alcohol application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Business Owner: Jasmine Singh Enterprise, LLC  
d/b/a: Jas Tobacco  
Applicant: Heather Singh  
Business Address: 601 Fleming St. Suite A  
Type: Package Beer, Package Wine  
Disposition: New

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for July 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of July, 2020, and gave a written and oral summary. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes is down by 21.3% when compared to the same month in 2019. Chief Cason further reported that during the month, there were 83 non-private property crashes and stated injury crashes increased from June 2020.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

Financial Statistics for July 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of July, 2020. Chief Cason reported that the department expended 56.3% of their 2020 budget and are 3.7% under budget, and on track for the fiscal year.

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

Written Directives

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following directives for approval:

- 2.5 Organization and Direction
- 2.9 Table of Organization
- 2.11 Training
- 2.25 Biased Policing
- 3.2 Career Development Program
- 3.8 Drug-free Workplace Policies and Procedures for Elimination of Substance Abuse and Employee Assistance
- 3.19 Personnel Early Intervention System

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund Proposal (POAB)

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented to the Commission a summary of the proposed Peace Officer Annuity and Benefit Fund (POAB) for the Commission's consideration. Chief Cason stated the POAB would serve as supplemental retirement plan for state and local law enforcement officers. Chief Cason stated membership would be limited to certified law enforcement officers who are employed by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision. Chief Cason further stated the total projected cost for the remainder of the FY 2020 would be around \$9,550 for 92 sworn positions, and \$28,100 per year moving forward.

Chairman Weaver thanked Chief Cason for compiling the amounts and explaining the plan. The Commission voted unanimously to move forward and recommend approval of the Plan to the Mayor & Council. A copy of the Plan summary is a part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – July 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the July 2020 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report that included the Incident Type Report, Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis, NFPA Fire Experience Survey, Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety Division Monthly Report, Engine Company Pre-Plan Updates, and the Inspection Summary.

On the motion of Commissioner Whitfield, second Commissioner Viamonte, the Commissioners approved the July, 2020 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 – July 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of July 2020 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is 1% under budget for the month and on track for the fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

Georgie Firefighters Pension Fund Proposal (GFPP)

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented to the Commission a summary of the proposed Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund (GFPP) for the Commission's consideration. Chief Pangle stated the GFPG would serve as a supplemental retirement plan for certified firefighters in the state of Georgia. Chief Pangle further stated membership is limited to Georgia Certified Firefighters who are employed by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision. Chief Pangle further stated the total projected cost for the remainder of the FY 2020 would be around \$9,300 for 96 certified firefighters, and \$29,100 per year moving forward.

Chairman Weaver thanked Chief Pangle for compiling the amounts and explaining the plan. The Commission voted unanimously to move forward and recommend the plan to the Mayor & Council for adoption consideration. A copy of the plan summary is a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Bill Weaver, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Anthony Walker, Secretary