

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2021

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

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, the agenda was amended to reflect the following change.

- Remove Personnel Matters – Item 2 “DPD – Saved by the Belt Presentation.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – Commander’s Award

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Commander’s Award to Officer Terry Smith. A description outlining Officer Smith’s accomplishments is a part of the minutes. No motion needed.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of February 23, 2021. On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for February 2021

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of February, 2021. As noted in the written summary, Police Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes, increased by 7.8% when compared to the same month in 2020. Police Chief Cason further reported that during the month, there were 112 non-private property crashes and stated injury crashes increased when compared to January 2021.

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 February 2021

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of February, 2021. Police Chief Cason reported the department has expended 13% of their 2021 budget and are under budget, and on track for the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – February 2021

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the February 2021 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report, that included the Incident Report with 263 Total Responses, a Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis, NFPA Fire Experience Survey, and Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety Division Monthly Report, and the Inspection Summary.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, 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 – February 2021

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2021 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is approximately 3% under budget for the month and on track for the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUSINESS

Resolution 21-02 – Vaccine Program

The Commission reviewed Resolution 21-02 authorizing the execution of an agreement with local medical professionals for the participation in the City of Dalton Covid-19 vaccine program.

A lengthy discussion occurred between the Commission, City Administrator Jason Parker, and City Attorney Terry Miller, with regards to making possible updates to Resolution 21-02. Commissioners Walker, Whitfield, and Viamonte voted aye to adopt the Resolution, Commissioner Weaver abstained.

Jacqueline Killings – Presentation (Informational)

The Mayor & Council hired Jacqueline Killings, LLC on October 05, 2020 to do a City-wide Community engagement services study between various City of Dalton departments.

The Commission asked advisor Jacqueline Killings to present her findings regarding “Organizational Effectiveness” throughout various City of Dalton departments. Ms. Killings outlined the areas of focus, the process and work to date, the recommendations and results, and the next steps for the City of Dalton. A full copy of presentation is a part of the minutes. No motion was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Terry Mathis, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary