

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 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, Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, City Attorney Gandi Vaughn, and Councilmember Annalee Harlan. Commissioner Kenneth Willis, and Police Chief Cliff Cason were absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

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

- Item #10 Conference Center Meeting Report – Commissioner Luis Viamonte
- Item #11 Public Commentary

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

- Canceled Meetings of March 24 & April 28, 2020 (COVID-19)

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the March 24th & April 28th 2020, canceled meetings minutes. The minutes reflect the summary of the reports for the canceled monthly meetings due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- Regular Called Meeting of May 26, 2020

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of May 26, 2020. On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Mathis, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

(1) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS

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

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| 1. Business Owner: | Downtown Dalton Development Authority |
| d/b/a: | Downtown Dalton Development Authority |
| Applicant: | Audrey Batts |
| Business Address: | 305 S. Depot St. |
| Type: | Pouring Beer, Pouring Wine |
| Disposition: | New |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for May 2020

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of May, 2020. Assistant Chief Crossen gave a written and oral summary of the crime and crash statistics. As noted in the written summary, Assistant Chief Crossen reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes are down by 23.3% when compared to the same month in 2019. Assistant Chief Crossen further reported that during the month, there were 94 non-private property crashes and stated injury crashes increased from April 2020.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, 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 May 2020

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of May, 2020. Assistant Chief Crossen reported that the department expended 43% of their 2020 budget and are 3% under budget, and on track for the fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the following directives for approval:

- 4.16 Vehicle Pursuit
- 4.23 Response to Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Disorders
- 7.10 Lineups and Pretrial Identifications
- 7.21 Victim / Witness Assistance
- 7.24 Body Worn Cameras

Commissioner Viamonte noted that directive 4.16 titled “Vehicle Pursuit” has a wording error on page 35. Assistant Chief Crossen noted the error and amended the policy to reflect the change. On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission adopted the Written Directives with the changes. The directives are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – May 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the May, 2020 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report that included the Monthly Synopsis 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 Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, the Commissioners approved the May, 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 – May 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of May 2020 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is 5% 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.

Revised Standard Operating Guideline – GP-12 “On Duty Injury/Workers’ Compensation Procedures”

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Mathis, the Commission approved SOP: GP-12 titled “On Duty Injury/Workers’ Compensation Procedures” as presented by Fire Chief Pangle. A copy of the policy is a part of the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Roof Replacement – Station One

Fire Chief Todd Pangle asked the Commission to consider approval of the contract between Porter Roofing Contractors Inc. and the City of Dalton in the amount of \$271,870.00, to replace the roof at Dalton Fire Department's station one at 404 School St.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker the Commission approved the contract as outlined by Fire Chief Todd Pangle. A copy of the contract is a part of the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Report from Commissioner Luis Viamonte (Informational)

Copied from Commissioner Viamonte's e-mail report

Chairman Weaver asked Commissioner Viamonte to share the report with the Commission from his attendance at the Conference Center meeting. Commissioner Viamonte stated the demonstrators, and representatives of the NAACP and of Latinos were in attendance.

Commissioner Viamonte explained there is a National theme for their suggestions and demands. Beginning with defunding the police, eliminating choke holds, and officers having the duty to intervene, to food insecurity, mental health and substance use disorder needs, as well as homelessness, were some of the topics. Commissioner Viamonte stated it was suggested that the various City board or council meetings should be held at a more convenient time and that the composition of commissions other than the Public Safety Commission should have more member diversity to better represent the community.

Commissioner Viamonte further explained that, as a result of the meeting, small groups were formed to work on these issues and to forward their progress via e-mail to the Annalee Harlan, the City Council liaison to the Public Safety Commission. Commissioner Viamonte stated that perhaps the Commission should look into providing City Officers with Peace Officer Annuity and Benefits (POAB) retirement as a means to not only rewards their good deeds, but also to improve recruitment, including minorities, and overall retention.

Chairman Weaver thanked Commissioner Viamonte for the report.

PUBIC COMMENTARY

Chairman Weaver opened the floor for public commentary. With no comments from the public, Chairman Weaver closed the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Viamonte, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Bill Weaver, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary