

CITY OF DALTON  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2024

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Lane Jackson, Terry Mathis, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Mayor Annalee Sams, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle. Commissioner Alex Brown, Police Chief Cliff Cason, and City Administrator Andrew Parker were absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Mayor Sams the Commission approved the agenda as presented.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Promotions

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson the Commission approved the following promotions as presented by Fire Chief Matt Daniel.

- Lt. Jason Harris promotion to Captain
- Lt. Bobby Maton promotion to Captain
- Lt. Gary Stanley promotion to Captain
- Lt. Josh Townsend promotion to Captain

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 June 25, 2024. On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Lane, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for June 2024

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of June 2024. As noted in the written summary, Assistant Chief Crossen reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 16.78% lower, Part II crimes are approximately 19.1% lower, violent crimes are approximately 32.7% lower, and Property Crimes are approximately 15.1% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Assistant Chief Crossen further reported there were 102 non-private property crashes reported for the month and crashes decreased over the previous month.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, 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 June 2024

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of June 2024. Assistant Chief Crossen reported the department has expended 46.4% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2024.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, 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 – June 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the June 2024 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 356 Total Responses, Incidents by Staff hours, Incidents by Months and Stations, Average Response Time, Average Turnout Time, Average Travel Time, Injury and Property Loss, Training Division Monthly Report, and the Inspection Summary.

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

Monthly Financial Report – June 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of June 2024 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 46.3% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2024.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, 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.

Notes

Mayor Annalee Sams was appointed as a voting member to the Public Safety Commission at the July 15, 2024 Mayor & Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Mayor Sams, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Alex Brown, Secretary