

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission approved the agenda as presented.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Certificate of Commendation

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented a Certificate of Commendation to Firefighter Seth Coley for his outstanding job performance in providing aid to patients injured in a motor vehicle collision on February 7, 2025. The Commission thanked Firefighter Coley for providing the patients with treatment and congratulated him for receiving the Certificate of Commendation

Fire Department – Promotion

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the promotion of Division Chief Keith Dempsey to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for February 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of February 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 30.63% lower, Part II crimes are approximately 25.4% lower, violent crimes are approximately 10.3% lower, and Property Crimes are approximately 34.8% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 95 non-private property crashes reported for the month, a decrease from the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the February Crime and Crash statistic 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 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of February 2025. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 12.9% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, 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 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the February 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 304 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 Brown, 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 – February 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 13.5% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion Commissioner Brown, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary