

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 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 Alex Brown, Terry Mathis, Lane Jackson, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Firefighter of the Year award

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented Firefighter Dale Reed with the Firefighter of the Year award for the Fire Department. The Commission congratulated and thanked him for his service and dedication.

Police Department – New Employee Confirmation

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission approved recruit Shane Warnix as a new Police Officer for the Dalton Police Department. 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 February 27, 2024. 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 2024

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of February 2024. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 11.8% lower and Part II crimes are approximately 13.3% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 107 non-private property crashes reported for the month and crashes increase over the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, 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 February 2024

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of February 2024. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 13.7% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2024.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis, the financial 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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Written Directive Review

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following Written Directive reviews for approval:

- 3.1 Selection
- 3.14 Employee Timekeeping, Compensation and Benefits
- 3.18 Grievance Procedures
- 4.8 Preliminary Investigations
- 4.21 Off-Duty Powers to Arrest
- 4.25 Domestic / Family Violence

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – February 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the February 2024 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 314 Total Responses, an Injuries and Property Report, Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety 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 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2024 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 13.2% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2024.

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

Reviewed SOG and SOP's

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission approved the following Fire Department policies.

- Revised SOP – GP-16 Return to Work, Restricted Duty Assignments
- Revised SOP – C-3 Media Communications

A copy of each approved policy 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 Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary

