

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2026

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission approved the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – Promotions

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission recognized the promotion of Matthew Zachary to the rank of Lieutenant and Patrick Jeremiah Lee to the rank of Sergeant.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2025. On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ALCOHOL APPLICATION REVIEW

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission gave a positive recommendation to the following new alcohol application. The Mayor & Council will vote on the application at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

1. Business Owner: Logan's Roadhouse Enterprises, LLC
d/b/a: Logan's Roadhouse #427
Applicant: Heather Jorden
Business Address: 811 Walnut Square Blvd.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New

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1. Business Owner: All American Entertainment, LLC
d/b/a: Big Time Billiards and Cafe
Applicant: Glenn Elrod
Business Address: 1129 S. Thornton Ave
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for December 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of December 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported there were 40 Part 1 crimes in December compared to 59 in December 2024, a decrease of approximately 32.2%. Chief Cason further stated, there were 66 violent crimes YTD 2025 compared to 69 in December 2024, a decrease of approximately 4.35%. Chief Cason further stated Property crimes have decreased by 20.32% when compared to 2024.

Chief Cason also reported there were 117 non-private property crashes reported for the month a decrease of 8.3% when compared to November 2025.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the December 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 December 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of December 2025. Chief Cason reported the department expended 92% of the budget. Chief Cason stated there are still some unpaid invoices from December and one budget line dealing with the Custody of Prisoners but overall anticipates finishing the year under budget.

On the motion of Commissioner Jackson, second Mayor Sams 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 – December 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the December 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 303 Total Responses, an increase from the previous month. Chief Daniel also outlined the details of 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 Mayor Sams, 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 – December 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of December 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department expended 97.8% of the budget, and stated there are some unpaid invoices from December but anticipates finishing the year under budget.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown, 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 Brown, second Commissioner Jackson the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary