

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTMEBR 24, 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, Lane Jackson, Terry Mathis, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, 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 Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission approved the agenda as presented.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department New Officer Introduction

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson the Commission approved recruit Markoz Garcia as a new Dalton Police Officer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Fire Department – Promotions

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

- Bobby Blackwell promotion to Engineer
- Jarred Cronan promotion to Engineer
- Anibal Moran promotion to Engineer
- Austin Payne promotion to Engineer
- Scott Rafferty promotion to Engineer

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 of August 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 August 2024

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of August 2024. As noted in the written summary, Assistant Chief Crossen reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 18.00% lower, Part II crimes are approximately 32.3% lower, violent crimes are approximately 21.1% lower, and Property Crimes are approximately 17.7% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 123 non-private property crashes reported for the 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Financial Statistics for August 2024

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of August 2024. Assistant Chief Crossen reported the department has expended 61.7% 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – August 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the August 2024 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 365 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 – August 2024

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2024 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 62.2% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2024.

On the motion of 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.

Alcohol Violation Hearing

• Tenoch, LLC – D/B/A: Tenoch (Rosa Negra)

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission suspended Tenoch, LLC – D/B/A: Tenoch (Rosa Negra)'s alcohol licenses for 14 days and recommended to the Mayor & Council to revoke the establishment's alcohol licenses. The vote was unanimous in favor.

• Casa Frida, Inc. – D/B/A: Taboo Lounge

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission suspended Casa Frida, Inc. – D/B/A: Taboo Lounge's alcohol licenses for 14 days and recommended to the Mayor & Council to revoke the establishment's alcohol licenses. The vote was unanimous in favor.

A copy of the court reporter transcript for both hearings is a part of these minutes.

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 10:53 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary