

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in Dalton City Hall's Council Chambers. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Alex Brown (via Zoom), Terry Mathis, Lane Jackson, Mayor Annalee Sams, Deputy Fire Chief Keith Dempsey, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle. Police Chief Cliff Cason and Fire Chief Matt Daniel 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2025. On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ALCOHOL APPLICATION REVIEW

The Commissioners reviewed the following alcohol beverage applications:

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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: Sugar & Fire, LLC
d/b/a: Sugar & Fire, LLC
Applicant: Eden Gomez Fernandez
Business Address: 319 N. Hamilton St.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office

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

2. Business Owner: Supermercado Talpa 17, LLC
d/b/a: Supermercado Talpa 17, LLC
Applicant: Louis Cardenas
Business Address: 2518 E. Walnut Ave.
License Type: Package Beer (Retail Store)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office

ALCOHOL APPLICATION REVIEW

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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.

3. Business Owner: Table 43, LLC
d/b/a: Table 43
Applicant: Heather Young
Business Address: 263 N. Hamilton St. Ste 101
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office

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

4. Business Owner: Taco Roble Dalton, LLC
d/b/a: Taco Roble
Applicant: Alejandro Mejia Chavez
Business Address: 352 Northgate Dr.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office

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.

5. Business Owner: Topsy Vibe, LLC
d/b/a: The Topsy Vibe
Applicant: Naomi Martinez
Business Address: 323 N. Hamilton St.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Liquor (Bar)
Disposition: New
Staff Comments: None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for August 2025

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of August 2025. As noted in the written summary, Assistant Chief Crossen reported there were 38 Part 1 crimes in August compared to 57 in August 2024, a decrease of approximately 33.3%. There were 51 violent crimes YTD 2025 compared to 42, an increase of 21.43%. Property crimes have decreased by 27.51% when compared to 2024.

Assistant Chief Crossen further reported there were 118 non-private property crashes reported for the month an increase of 8.3% when compared to July 2025.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Mathis, the August 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Financial Statistics for August 2025

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of August 2025. Assistant Chief Crossen reported the department has expended 62.8% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, 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 2025

Deputy Fire Chief Keith Dempsey presented the August 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Dempsey outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 353 Total Responses, a decrease from the previous month. Deputy Chief Dempsey 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 Commissioner Jackson, second Commissioner Mathis, 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 2025

Deputy Fire Chief Keith Dempsey presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2025 to the Commission. Deputy Chief Dempsey stated the department has expended 63.5% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

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 Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Mathis the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

ATTEST:

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

Alex Brown, Secretary