

CITY OF DALTON  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2023

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, Anthony Walker, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, City Attorney Terry Miller, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle. Commissioner Terry Mathis was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the agenda was amended to add Adjournment at the end of the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the agenda was approved as previously amended. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – New Firefighter

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker the Commission approved recruit Josh Young as a new firefighter for the Dalton Fire Department. The vote was unanimous in favor.

MEETING DATES

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the following 2024 Public Safety Commission meeting dates.

- January 23, 2024
- February 27, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- May 28, 2024
- June 25, 2024
- July 23, 2024
- August 27, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- October 22, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- December 17, 2024

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes for November 28, 2023. On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for November 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of November 2023. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 15.05% lower and Part II crimes are approximately 9.9% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 123 non-private property crashes reported for the month and crashes decreased over the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, 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 November 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of November 2023. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 79.9% of the FY 2023 budget, and will have sufficient funds to meet the goals of the department.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the financial report was approved. The complete report in its entirety is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Written Directive Review

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

- 2.22            Accident Review Procedures
- 2.25            Biased Policing
- 3.15            Workers' Compensation
- 4.17            Ride-along program
- 7.23            Asset Forfeiture

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, 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 – November 2023

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the November 2023 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 351 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 Walker, the Commissioners approved the Statistical Report for the Fire Department. A copy of the report outlining all incident values is a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Monthly Financial Report – November 2023

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of November 2023 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 87.8% of the budget, and are on track for the remainder of the FY 2023

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, 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 Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Anthony Walker, Secretary