

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 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 Jones, Terry Mathis, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Mayor Sams, 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 October 21, 2025. On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Jackson, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for October 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of October 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported there were 64 Part 1 crimes in October compared to 62 in October 2024, an increase of approximately 3.2%. There were 61 violent crimes YTD 2025 compared to 57 in October 2024, an increase of 7.02%. Chief Cason further stated Property crimes have decreased by 22.75% when compared to 2024.

Chief Cason also reported there were 135 non-private property crashes reported for the month an increase of 28.6% when compared to August 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Mayor Sams, the October 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 October 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of October 2025. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 76.5% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, 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 – October 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the October 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 300 Total Responses, a decrease 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 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Monthly Financial Report – October 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of October 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 80.9% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, 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

The Public Safety Commission held an alcohol violation hearing to discuss the 1st offense violation of:

1. Owner: All American Entertainment
d/b/a: Big Time Billiards at 1129 S. Thornton Ave.
Violation: Sec. 6-233. Sale or furnishing alcohol to underage person (1st offense)

After all evidence was presented by the City Attorney and the Owner of Big Time Billiards, the Public Safety Commission recommended to the Mayor and Council that the standard penalty of \$1,000.00 for a first (1st) offense along with court reporter costs be imposed upon a guilty conviction. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Mayor Sams, the Public Safety Commission A copy of the hearing transcript 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 9:45 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary