

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2025

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – Employee of the Month for July 2025

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the July 2025, Employee of the Month award to Master Police Officer Sean Hudson, for his outstanding work in coordinating the Law Enforcement Cadet Academy. The Commission congratulated MPO Hudson for his willingness to go the extra mile.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2025. On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, 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.

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| 1. Business Owner: | Good Times Liquor Inc. |
| d/b/a: | Good Times |
| Applicant: | Vipulkumar Chaudhari |
| Business Address: | 100 N. Oaks Dr. Suite B |
| License Type: | Package Beer, Wine, Liquor (Liquor Store) |
| Disposition: | New |
| Staff Comments: | None. Have approvals from Fire Department, Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office |

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| 2. Business Owner: | Dejavu Club, LLC |
| d/b/a: | Dejavu |
| Applicant: | Maria De La Luz Vargas Esquivel |
| Business Address: | 224 N. Hamilton St. |
| License Type: | Pouring Beer, Liquor (Restaurant) |
| Disposition: | Classification Change from Bar to Restaurant |
| Staff Comments: | Code Enforcement Comments Attached. |

ALCOHOL APPLICATION REVIEW

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The applicant withdrew the following application. A recommendation by the Public Safety Commission was not made.

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| 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 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for July 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of July 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 29.65% higher, Part II crimes are approximately 22.3% lower, violent crimes are approximately 13% higher, and Property Crimes are approximately 31.5% higher when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 109 non-private property crashes reported for the month, a decrease from the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Jackson, second Commissioner Mathis, the July 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 July 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of July 2025. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 52.4% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Jackson, 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 – July 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the July 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 370 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 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Monthly Financial Report – July 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of July 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 56.2% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary