

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today at the Dalton City Hall Council Chambers. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Terry Mathis, Lane Jackson, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, City Administrator Andrew Parker 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Firefighter of the Year

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the 2025 Firefighter of the Year award to Engineer Douglas Kerns. The Commission congratulated and thanked Engineer Douglas Kerns for his commitment and service to public safety.

Fire Department – Certificate of Commendation

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented a Certificate of Commendation to Engineer Douglas Kerns for his outstanding job performance in providing aid to an individual with a broken leg on January 27, 2024. The Commission thanked Engineer Kerns for providing the citizen with treatment and congratulated him for receiving the Certificate of Commendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of January 21, 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

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: El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant, LLC
d/b/a: El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant, LLC
Applicant: Gerardo Mendiola Flores
Business Address: 101 W. Walnut Ave. Suite 19
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: New

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission gave a positive recommendation to the following new alcohol application with the stipulation that the applicant obtains their Food Service permit and the Certificate of Liability Insurance. The Mayor & Council will vote on the application at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Business Owner: Nicky G, LLC
d/b/a: Nicky G's
Applicant: Nicolas Lama
Business Address: 263 N. Hamilton St
License Type: Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: **New**

ALCOHOL APPLICATION REVIEW

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On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission recommended the application be denied. City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe cited Sec. 6-107 “Disqualification”. Mayor & Council will vote on the application at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- 3. Business Owner: Rosa Negra, LLC
d/b/a: Rosa Negra Lounge
Applicant: Manuel Alex Vital
Business Address: 323 N. Hamilton St.
License Type: Pouring Beer and Liquor (Bar)
Disposition: **New**

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the Commission recommended the application be denied. City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe cited Sec. 6-107 “Disqualification”. Mayor & Council will vote on the application at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- 4. Business Owner: Dejavu Social Club, LLC
d/b/a: Dejavu Social Club
Applicant: Manuel Alex Vital
Business Address: 224 N. Hamilton St.
License Type: Pouring Beer and Liquor (Bar)
Disposition: **New**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for January 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of January 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 30.38% lower, Part II crimes are approximately 28.7% lower, violent crimes are approximately 14.3% lower, and Property Crimes are approximately 34.7% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 103 non-private property crashes reported for the month, a decrease from the previous month.

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

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of January 2025. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 9.1% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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 – January 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the January 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 371 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 Mathis, 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 – January 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of January 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 5.9% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion Commissioner Jackson, second Commissioner Mathis, 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 Mathis, second Commissioner Jackson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary