

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 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, Alex Brown, Lane Jackson, Mayor Annalee Sams, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, City Administrator Andrew Parker and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle. Police Chief Cliff Cason was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Mayor Sams, the Commission approved the agenda as presented.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Promotion

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the promotion of Lieutenant Justin Rishel to the rank of Training Division Coordinator. 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 March 18, 2025. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, 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 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.

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| 1. Business Owner: | Carniceria y Taqueria Diaz, LLC |
| d/b/a: | Carniceria y Taqueria Diaz |
| Applicant: | Ruben Diaz Guzman |
| Business Address: | 1121 S. Thornton Ave |
| License Type: | Package Beer, Pouring Beer (Retail Store) |
| Disposition: | New |

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| 2. Business Owner: | El Recreo Market Inc. |
| d/b/a: | El Recreo Market |
| Applicant: | Bernandino Sanchez Resendiz |
| Business Address: | 222 E. Morris St. Suite 2 |
| License Type: | Package Beer (Retail Store) |
| Disposition: | New |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for March 2025

Assistant Chief Chris Crossen gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of March 2025. As noted in the written summary, Assistant Chief Crossen reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 26.36% lower, Part II crimes are approximately 19.4% lower, violent crimes are approximately 4% lower, and Property Crimes are approximately 28.6% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Assistant Chief Crossen further reported there were 118 non-private property crashes reported for the month, an increase from the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the March 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 March 2025

Assistant Chief Chris Crossen presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of March 2025. Assistant Chief Crossen reported the department has expended 24.5% 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 – March 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the March 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 356 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 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.

Monthly Financial Report – March 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of March 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 22.2% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion Commissioner Brown, 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 Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary