

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Bill Weaver, Commissioners, Luis Viamonte, Terry Mathis, Truman Whitfield, Anthony Walker, Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Police Chief Cliff Cason, , and City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn. Councilmember Annalee Harlan was absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the Agenda was amended to reflect the following changes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- Fire Department add Item “Recommendation by Fire Marshall – Matt Daniel”

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of September 22, 2020. Commissioner Viamonte stated he would like to amend the wording in the minutes, on the first sentence of the item “Committee Assignment / Appointment” to reflect the following:

Chairman Weaver would like to create a Committee to review data available to the Commission with regards to the types of medical emergency calls.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the minutes with the amendment. The vote was unanimous in favor.

(2) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the following new alcohol application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

1. Business Owner: God is Good, LLC
d/b/a: Tequila’s Liquor
Applicant: Juan Carlos Jimenez
Business Address: 312 N. Glenwood Ave
Type: Package Beer, Package Wine, Package Liquor
Disposition: **New**

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Viamonte, the Commission approved the following new alcohol application. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Business Owner: Logan’s Roadhouse II, LLC
d/b/a: Logan’s Roadhouse #427
Applicant: Audrea Mills
Business Address: 811 Walnut Square Blvd
Type: Pouring Beer, Pouring Wine, Pouring Liquor
Disposition: **New**

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS (Informational)

Chairman Weaver shared with the Commission that a Committee has been developed to study the City Pension Plan(s). The committee is made up of approximately 15 people and is chaired by Greg Batts the HR Director for the City. The committee is composed of Gary Hill from Dalton Utilities, City Council member Annalee Harlan, Joe Yarbrough WLSF Chairman, Bernadette Chattam City Clerk, Andrew Parker Public Works Director, Bill Weaver PSC Chairman, Kelly Jones HR Director from Dalton Utilities, Wallace Wilson from South Eastern Consultants, Tom Bundros CEO Dalton Utilities, Todd Pangle Dalton Fire Chief, Cliff Cason Dalton Police Chief, Andrew Wiersma Dalton Airport Manager, Mike Miller Dalton Rec Director, Jason Parker Dalton Administrator, Cindy Jackson Finance Director, David Penning Dalton Mayor.

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

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Chairman Weaver passed the floor to Fire Chief Todd Pangle and Police Chief Cliff Cason to answer questions from the Commission. Commissioner Viamonte asked how many employees would be affected by freezing the City's defined benefit plan. Chief Todd Pangle said 35 participants from the Fire Department and 23 from the Police Department. Commissioner Viamonte asked how morale was inside the Department. Chief Pangle said it is better now that they are a part of the process.

Commissioner Viamonte asked Chairman Weaver how he felt about the plan(s). Chairman Weaver stated he felt the City's defined benefit plan should not be frozen or changed. After further discussions and comments, the Commission stated they are in support of not freezing the defined benefit plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for September 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of August, 2020, and gave a written and oral summary. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes is down by 20.5% when compared to the same month in 2019. Chief Cason further reported that during the month, there were 88 non-private property crashes and stated injury crashes decreased from August 2020.

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

Financial Statistics for September 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of August, 2020. Chief Cason reported that the department expended 73% of their 2020 budget and are 3% under budget, and on track for the fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

Written Directives

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following directives for approval:

- 2.14 Rules of Conduct
- 2.23 Records Management System
- 3.10 Off-Duty / Extra-Duty Employment
- 4.20 Blood Borne Pathogens and Other infectious Diseases
- 4.27 Responding to Suspicious Items- Biological Threats
- 7.19 Municipal Court and Municipal Meeting Security

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Whitfield, the Commission adopted the following Written Directives. The directives are a part of these minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation by Fire Marshall – Matt Daniel (Informational)

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented a recommendation from Prevention Division Captain Matt Daniel regarding relocation of above ground utilities in the area of “100 Block of Depot Street.” Chief Pangle stated egress and access to this area poses a significant hazard to the occupants and first responders with the current above ground utilities. Chief Pangle further stated most of the work would be completed by Dalton Utilities.

On the motion of Commissioner Whitfield, second Commissioner Viamonte, the Commission supports the removal of above ground utilities due to the hazard it presents to residents and first responders. The motion was unanimous in favor.

Monthly Statistical Report – September 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the September 2020 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report that included the Incident Type Report, Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis, NFPA Fire Experience Survey, Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety Division Monthly Report, Engine Company Pre-Plan Updates, and the Inspection Summary.

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker, the Commissioners approved the August, 2020 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 – September 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of September 2020 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is .5% under budget for the month and on track for the fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Whitfield, second Commissioner Viamonte, 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.

Standard Operating Procedures & Standard Operating Guidelines

On the motion of Commissioner Viamonte, second Commissioner Walker, the Commission approved the following S.O.G & S.O.G reviews. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- SOG – FO-12 Initial Assignments for all structure fires and fire alarms
- SOG – FO-17 Truck operation at working structure fires
- SOG – M-1 Administering Naloxone (Narcan)
- SOG – GP-7 Residency requirements for Dalton Fire Department employees

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Bill Weaver, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary