

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Terry Mathis, Commissioners Bill Weaver, Truman Whitfield, Anthony Walker, Alex Brown (via Zoom), Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Police Chief Cliff Cason, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, and City Attorney Terry Miller. Councilmember Annalee Harlan was absent.

NEW COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION

Chairman Terry Mathis recognized newly appointed Commissioner Alex Brown and welcomed him to the Public Safety Commission.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Weaver, second Commissioner Walker, the agenda was approved with the following amendment. To add “Public Commentary” at the end of the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – New Employee Confirmation

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, the Commission approved the following as new Dalton Police Officers.

- Jordan Alexander Owens

The vote was unanimous in favor.

Police Department – Employee of the Month Recognition – Detective Tommy Ensley

Chief Cliff Cason requested for this agenda item to be postponed to the next regular called meeting. No motion was needed.

Police Department – Merit and Valor Award Presentation

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented the Merit and Valor award to Officer Coleman Jenkins and Officer Keidric Johnson for their life saving actions while responding to a call on Waugh Street bridge where a female threatened to jump. Both officers proceeded to calm and engage her in dialogue allowing Officer Johnson to proceed with the rescue and prevent harm to the citizen. The Commission commends both Officers and thanks them for going beyond their duty.

Police Department – Promotion Recommendations

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following promotion recommendations to the Commission:

- Support Service Division Training Coordinator Michael Bowen to the rank of Sergeant.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Weaver, the Commission approved the promotion recommendation. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Fire Department – Commendation for Engineer Jared Burns

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented a certificate of commendation to Engineer Jared Burns for providing aid to individuals involved in a moto vehicle accident directly in front of his residence on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of August 24, 2021. On the motion of Commissioner Whitfield, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

(3) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS

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

1. Business Owner: Jilljay 1 Inc.
d/b/a: Dalton Beverages
Applicant: Rajan Patel
Business Address: 1007 South Thornton Ave
License Type: Package Beer, Package Wine, Package Liquor (Package Store)
Disposition: **New**

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

2. Business Owner: Tienda Tikal #2, LLC
d/b/a: Tienda Tikal #2
Applicant: Andres Juan Pascual
Business Address: 616 4th Avenue Suite 4 - 6
License Type: Pouring Beer, Package Beer (Restaurant | Convenience Store)
Disposition: **New**

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

3. Business Owner: Freya's Lounge Corp.
d/b/a: Freya's Lounge Corp.
Applicant: Rudy Aviles
Business Address: 303 East Morris St.
License Type: Pouring Beer, Pouring Wine, Pouring Liquor (Restaurant)
Disposition: **New**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for August 2021

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of August, 2021. As noted in the written summary, Police Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes, decreased by 29% when compared to the past 5-year average. Police Chief Cason further reported that traffic crashes have increased by approximately 1% when compared to the past 5-year average and calls for service show a decrease of approximately 2.8% during the same time.

On the motion of Commissioner Weaver, 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Financial Statistics for August 2021

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of August, 2021. Police Chief Cason reported the department has expended 63% of their 2021 budget and on track for the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, 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 written directive reviews for approval:

- 2.15 Fiscal Management
- 3.3 Uniform and Employee Appearance Standards
- 3.10 Off-Duty / Extra-Duty Employment
- 4.1 Patrol Organization and Administration
- 4.2 Use of Police Vehicles

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – August 2021

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the August 2021 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report, that included the Incident Report with 411 Total Responses, a Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis, NFPA Fire Experience Survey, and Incident List by Incident Number, Training Division Monthly Report, Fire Safety Division Monthly Report, and the Inspection Summary.

On the motion of Commissioner Whitfield, second Commissioner Walker, the Commissioners approved the 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 – August 2021

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of August 2021 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is approximately 2% under budget for the month and on track for the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Weaver, second Commissioner Brown, 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 and Standard Operating Guidelines - Review

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the following Standard Operating Procedure & Standard Operating Guideline reviews.

- SOG – SCBA-3 Refiling of SCBA and SCUBA Cylinders
- SOP – GP-2 – Uniform Classes
- SOP – FO-16 Emergency Evacuation
- SOP – FO-14 Mayday Procedures

The vote was unanimous in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Citizen Steven L. Foster expressed his frustration for a DUI arrest that took place back in January 23, 2017 where allegedly multiple procedural negligent steps resulted in a wrongful arrest and sentence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Weaver, second Commissioner Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Terry Mathis, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary