

CITY OF DALTON  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 28, 2020

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today via Zoom, a live video streaming platform. Present were Chairman Bill Weaver, Commissioners Terry Mathis, Anthony Walker, Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Administrator Jason Parker, City Attorney Gandhi Vaughn, Communications Director Bruce Frazier, and new appointee Truman Whitfield. Commissioner Luis Viamonte and Councilmember Annalee Harlan were absent.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the Agenda was amended to add the following items to the agenda.

- Moment of reflection to honor Mr. Kenneth Willis
- Addition of Item Titled – Old Business

The vote was unanimous in favor.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION – Mr. Kenneth Willis

Chairman Weaver asked for a moment of silence to honor and reflect the passing of Commissioner Kenneth Willis. Mr. Willis unexpectedly passed away on July 1, 2020. Mr. Willis was appointed to the Public Safety Commission in January, 2008 and continued to be a serving member until his passing.

OATH OF OFFICE – TRUMAN W. WHITFIELD, III

City Attorney, Gandhi Vaughn administered the Oath of Office to Truman W. Whitfield, III. Mr. Whitfield will complete Commissioner Kenneth Willis's unexpired term ending on October 14, 2022. The Commission welcomed Mr. Whitfield and thanked him for his service.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular called meeting minutes of June 23, 2020. On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for June 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of June, 2020. Chief Cason gave a written and oral summary of the crime and crash statistics. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes are down by 20.8% when compared to the same month in 2019. Chief Cason further reported that during the month there were 84 non-private property crashes and stated injury crashes decreased from May 2020.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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 June 2020

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of June, 2020. Chief Cason reported that the department expended 48% of their 2020 budget and are 3% under budget, and on track for the 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Written Directives

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following directives for approval:

- 2.12 Firearms
- 2.27 Employee In and Out-Processing
- 4.9 Arrests / Arrest Warrants
- 6.9 Active Threats
- 7.3 Whitfield County Child Abuse Protocol
- 7.6 Sexual Assault
- 7.17 Criminal Intelligence

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

Old Business (Informational)

Chairman Weaver relayed a message from Commissioner Viamonte with regards to ongoing studies of the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund (PAOB) program for officers. Furthermore, Commissioner Viamonte wanted to make the Commission aware that they're working to increase recruitment and retainment of minorities and he feels PAOB would help them achieve that.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – June 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the June, 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 Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, the Commissioners approved the June, 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 – June 2020

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of June 2020 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department is 5.6% under budget for the month and on track for the fiscal year.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Walker, 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.

PUBIC COMMENTARY

Chairman Weaver asked City Administrator Jason Parker if any public comments had been made in advance through the online e-mail system. City Administrator Jason Parker stated that no comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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Bill Weaver, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Anthony Walker, Secretary