

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2022

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, Fire Chief Todd Pangle, Police Chief Cliff Cason, Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen, and City Attorney Terry Miller. Councilmember Annalee Harlan was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the agenda was approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Police Department – Valor Award Presentation – Officer Joshua Bethune

Assistant Police Chief Chris Crossen presented Officer Joshua Bethune with the Award of Valor for his actions on February 26, 2022. Officer Bethune, while off-duty came upon a traffic crash involving a passenger car and a tractor trailer. The occupants of the passenger car were trapped inside the burning vehicle and Officer Bethune was able to free the driver.

Police Department Promotion – Lieutenant Woody Cantrell

On the motion of Commissioner Weaver, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission promoted officer Woody Cantrell to the rank of Lieutenant. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Fire Department – Dalton Firefighter of the Year – Matt Asbell

Fire Chief Todd Pangle recognized Firefighter 3, Matt Asbell as the 2022 Firefighter of the Year. Chief Pangle stated Firefighter Asbell has demonstrated excellence over the last 19 years as a firefighter and strives to stay educated and proficient in the latest skills related to the job. Chief Pangle further stated those same skills were put to the test when Firefighter Asbell, not once, but twice placed himself into a hostile environment to retrieve victims trapped inside burning structures.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Whitfield, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

(2) ALCOHOL APPLICATIONS

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

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| 1. Business Owner: | Antojo Cocina y Cantina, LLC |
| d/b/a: | Antojo Cocina y Cantina |
| Applicant: | Karina Silva Perez |
| Business Address: | 116 W. King St |
| License Type: | Pouring Beer, Pouring Wine, Pouring Liquor (Restaurant) |
| Disposition: | New |

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

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| 1. Business Owner: | W K McKinney, LLC |
| d/b/a: | Baja Coop |
| Applicant: | John McKinney |
| Business Address: | 222 N. Hamilton St. |
| License Type: | Pouring Beer, Pouring Wine (Restaurant) |
| Disposition: | New |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for February, 2022

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of February, 2022. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the rate of Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 37.2% lower and Part II crimes are 19.6% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 126 non-private property crashes reported for the month and injury crashes stayed the same from January 2022, though total injuries increased.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Whitfield, 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 February, 2022

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of February, 2022. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 15% of their 2022 budget and is confident there will be sufficient funds to accomplish the Department's 2022 goals.

On the motion of Commissioner Walker, second Commissioner Brown, 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:

- 2.8 News Media / Public Information
- 2.16 Form Development, Modification, and Approval
- 3.6 Commendation / Achievement and Recognition Program
- 4.15 Emergency Vehicle Driving

On the motion of Commissioner Weaver, second Commissioner Brown, 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 – February, 2022

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the February, 2022 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Pangle outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 295 Total Responses, a Dollar Value Saved & Loss Analysis of \$116,420.00, 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 Brown, 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Monthly Financial Report – February 2022

Fire Chief Todd Pangle presented the Financial Report for the month of February, 2022 to the Commission. Chief Pangle stated the department continues to be under budget for the month. Chief Pangle noted recent increase of fuel cost has put a strain on that budgeted line item, but have already taken measures to be more conservative about spending.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, 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.

Standard Operating Procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines - Review

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

- SOP – C-3 Media Communications
- SOG – FO-15 Fire Investigations
- SOP – GP-16 Restricted Duty

The vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Walker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Terry Mathis, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anthony Walker, Secretary