

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in Dalton City Hall's Council Chambers. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Alex Jones, Terry Mathis, Lane Jackson, Mayor Annalee Sams, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, City Administrator Andrew Parker and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – New Employee

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented recruit Logan Fowler as a new Firefighter for the Dalton Fire Department. The Commission congratulated Firefighter Fowler and his family. No motion was made.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes of November 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 Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission voted to table the following application due to applicant's absence. The application will be reviewed at the next regular called PSC meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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| 1. Business Owner: | Logans Roadhouse Enterprises, LLC |
| d/b/a: | Logan's Roadhouse #427 |
| Applicant: | Heather Jorden |
| Business Address: | 811 Walnut Square Blvd. |
| License Type: | Pouring Beer, Wine, Liquor (Restaurant) |
| Disposition: | New |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for November 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of November 2025. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported there were 50 Part 1 crimes in November compared to 44 in November 2024, an increase of approximately 13.6%. There were 64 violent crimes YTD 2025 compared to 62 in November 2024, an increase of 3.3%. Chief Cason further stated Property crimes have decreased by 19.8% when compared to 2024.

Chief Cason also reported there were 108 non-private property crashes reported for the month a decrease of 20% when compared to October 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jackson, the November 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Financial Statistics for November 2025

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of November 2025. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 83.8% of the budget and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of Mayor Sams, 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Statistical Report – November 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the November 2025 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 292 Total Responses, a decrease from the previous month. Chief Daniel also outlined the details of 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 Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown, 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 – November 2025

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of November 2025 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 88.9% of the budget, and is on track for the remainder of FY 2025.

On the motion of 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.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION HEARING

The Public Safety Commission held an alcohol violation hearing to discuss the 1st offense violation of:

1. Owner: CMG Dalton Development
d/b/a: Walnut Express at 2524 East Walnut Ave.
Violation: Sec. 6-233. Sale or furnishing alcohol to underage person (2nd offense)

After all evidence was presented by the City Attorney and the Owner of Walnut Express, the Public Safety Commission recommended to the Mayor and Council that the standard penalty of \$2,500.00 for a first (2nd) offense and 30-day standard suspension, along with court reporter costs be imposed upon a guilty conviction. On the motion of Mayor Sams, second Commissioner Brown, the Public Safety Commission A copy of the hearing transcript 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 Brown, second Commissioner Jackson the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary