

CITY OF DALTON
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANURARY 23, 2024

The regular meeting for the Public Safety Commission was held today in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Present were Chairman Truman Whitfield, Commissioners Alex Brown, Terry Mathis, Fire Chief Matt Daniel, Police Chief Cliff Cason, City Attorney Jonathan Bledsoe, and Assistant City Administrator Todd Pangle.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Fire Department – Promotions

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis the Commission approved the following promotions as presented by Fire Chief Matt Daniel.

- Donnie Blankenship promotion to Division Coordinator
- Justin Rishel promotion to Lieutenant
- Matt Asbell promotion to Lieutenant
- Chad Hall promotion to Lieutenant

The vote was unanimous in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chairman – On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Brown, the Commission elected Truman Whitfield as Chairman of the Public Safety Commission.

Election of Secretary – On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, second Commissioner Whitfield, the Commission elected Alex Brown as Secretary of the Public Safety Commission.

MINUTES

The Commissioners were presented written copies of the regular meeting minutes for December 19, 2023. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime and Crash Statistics for December 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason gave a written and oral summary of the Crime and Crash Statistical Reports for the month of December 2023. As noted in the written summary, Chief Cason reported the Year to Date Part I crimes are approximately 16.59% lower and Part II crimes are approximately 9.3% lower when compared to the past 5-year average. Chief Cason further reported there were 140 non-private property crashes reported for the month and crashes increased over the previous month.

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis, 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 December 2023

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the Financial Report for all divisions within the Dalton Police Department for the month of December 2023. Chief Cason reported the department has expended 89.5% of the budget, and will have sufficient funds to close the 2023 Fiscal Year.

On the motion of Commissioner Mathis, 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 Directive Review

Police Chief Cliff Cason presented the following Written Directive reviews for approval:

- 3.7 Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace
- 3.9 Employee Assistance Program and Critical Incident Support
- 3.11 Line-of-Duty Deaths or Serious Injuries
- 3.12 Temporary Light Duty
- 3.16 Personnel Files

On the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis, 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 – December 2023

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the December 2023 Statistical Report to the Commission. Chief Daniel outlined details of the complete report, which included the Incident Report with 346 Total Responses, an Injuries and Property Report, 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 Mathis, 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 – December 2023

Fire Chief Matt Daniel presented the Financial Report for the month of December 2023 to the Commission. Chief Daniel stated the department has expended 98.3% of the budget, and will have sufficient funds to close the 2023 Fiscal Year

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, on the motion of Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Mathis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Truman Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:

Alex Brown, Secretary