

SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 5, 2009

The May 5, 2009 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Bud Miller, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Bud Miller, Chad Smith, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Todd Heil, Police Captain; Bill Sturgeon, Fire Chief; Connie Geisinger, Wyandot County Council on Aging; Jim Rhoden, Wyandot Classics and Cruisers; Irvin Woods, Wyandot Classics and Cruisers; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Armbruster Water Condit.	92.75			54.50
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Bookie's Lawn Care				27.50
Clemans Nelson Assocs.				305.00
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Bender Communications	186.40			
Cellular Central	24.99			
Cogent Systems	400.00			
Discount Drug Mart	11.97			
Don Hume Leather Goods	200.07			
Ericka Huston		460.00		
Finley Fire Equipment		186.26		
Foremost Promotions		247.44		
Gall's Inc.	1693.90			
Green Guard First Aid	45.92			
Guth Laboratories	81.12			
Henschen & Assocs.			2277.50	
Inventory Trackers	400.00			
Inventory Trading		86.00		
Kerr's Auto Service	1067.10			751.41
Luis Gil			90.00	
National Imprint Corporation		943.30		
Ohio BCI & I	110.00			
Public Agency Training	295.00			
Quill	206.25	5.39	410.07	439.84
Royal Chemical	324.25			
Superior Business Solutions				362.79
Thomson West			1496.98	110.50
Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.				673.57
Treasurer, State of Ohio	747.00			
US Fire Equipment	173.93	130.40		352.25
Walmart	215.72			145.35
US Bank			299.58	
US Marathon	48.19			
Visa First Citizens Natl Bank		462.84		
Verizon Wireless	280.97			
Yeater's Laundry	102.25			
Total	<u>8821.36</u>	<u>408.05</u>	<u>4574.13</u>	<u>3464.66</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$17,268.20

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$17,268.20. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 7, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Connie Geisinger, Wyandot County Council on Aging, requested the Safety Committee's consideration for the placement of six "No Parking, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m." signs in front of the Senior Citizens Center, 127 South Sandusky Avenue. Mrs. Geisinger indicated that cones are currently being used to block these parking spaces and these parking spaces are not designated for visitors to the center but for the pick up and drop of food served at the center and delivered to senior citizens throughout the county. It was noted that Chief Olds presented this request on behalf of Mrs. Geisinger at the April 7, 2009 Safety Committee meeting and this request was denied. Safety Committee members and Captain Heil explained that the City has been approached by other county agencies with similar requests and these requests were also denied, and the designation of private parking on a public street is not desired.

Mr. Jim Rhoden and Mr. Irvin Woods, Wyandot Classics and Cruisers Car Club, requested permission to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Sandusky Autumn Cruise in the downtown area on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to the request. The Police Department will submit a request with the State of Ohio for the necessary street closures. Chief Sturgeon inquired as to if the car club has any objections to a Firemen's Challenge being held in front of the Fire Department in conjunction with the cruise, as this was done in 2008. Mr. Rhoden indicated that he had no objections and noted that there were no problems experienced by the cruise with that event taking place in 2008.

Safety Committee members reviewed two proposed changes to Section 131.02 of the Administrative Code in addition to the two changes recommended to City Council at the April 7, 2009 Safety Committee meeting. It was noted that Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, has recommended that the 15% added to a passing score for bachelor's degree and the 10% added to a passing score for an associate's degree for police officer applicants be deleted as this has been ruled by a court as discriminatory.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Miller, to recommend to City Council to amend Section 131.02 of the Administrative Code to delete the 15% previously added to a passing score for bachelor's degree and the 10% previously added to a passing score for an associate's degree for police officer applicants. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon reported that Volunteer Fireman Jarrod Lucas has a conflict and will not be attending the Fire Investigator class in Bowling Green, however Volunteer Fireman Jeff Conley submitted a grant application and has been awarded a scholarship to attend this class.

It was noted that the signs posted by the Street Department along River Road from East Wyandot Avenue to Berry Street were "No Parking" instead of "No Parking This Side of Street", as approved at the April 7, 2009 Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Allen Boes, Street Department Supervisor, will be notified that the approved signs need to be posted.

Safety Committee members reviewed a request from Mr. Doug Wright for a "Children at Play" sign on O'Donnell Street between West Hicks Street and South Hazel Street. It was noted that the posting of this sign would not insure the safety of children in this area. It was further noted that requests for the placement of these signs throughout the City are received frequently.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to deny the request from Mr. Wright for a "Children at Play" sign on O'Donnell Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mayor Washburn presented a request from the Eagles Lodge, 220 South Sandusky Avenue, for the closure of the east/west alley located adjacent to the Lodge from Sandusky Avenue to the north/south alley on Saturday, June 27, 2009 as part of a benefit for the Richard Kear Family. It was noted that the benefit will include a motorcycle poker run, a beer garden, and a band. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to the request and suggested

the organizers work with the Police Department and Fire Department on plans for the event.

Chief Sturgeon requested consideration of the repair of the driveway to the Fire Department. Chief Sturgeon stated that an estimate of \$8,000.00 has been obtained for the materials only providing the City could provide the manpower. Mayor Washburn will discuss the manpower issue with the Service Committee. Chief Sturgeon suggested that if approved the driveway be replaced in thirds.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to approve the expenditure of up to \$8,000.00 for the repair of the driveway to the Fire Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon also requested consideration for the replacement of the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatuses. It was noted that the department's existing equipment needs to be updated with twenty units needed at a cost of \$5,000.00 per unit. It was noted that a grant application for the equipment will be submitted, however if the grant is awarded the funding and equipment may not be available in the near future. Chief Sturgeon requested the Safety Committee approve replacing six units at this time. Mayor Washburn will check with the City Auditor as to the availability of funding for this purchase.

Captain Heil reported the on the following:

- Police Officer Tyler Howell is still in training for a position within the Police Department as an Investigator.
- Captain Heil and Lieutenant Eric Parks have attended training as Internal Affairs Investigators.
- Police Officer Dan Ross is being trained as a School Resource Officer and has presented programs to the students at the high school and the middle school. The Police Department will be applying for a grant to cover a portion of the salary for this position.

Mayor Washburn reported on phone calls and letters received from individuals expressing their appreciation for the Police Department performing vehicle unlocks.

Chief Sturgeon reported on the following:

- Chief Sturgeon thanked the Mayor and the Safety Committee for allowing two fire trucks to attend and represent the Fire Department at a recent funeral.
- There have been instances where the full-time Fire Captain on duty has needed to leave the station and the Sheriff's Department and Police Department have been notified and calls to the Fire Department were covered by these departments. The possibility of all calls to the Fire Department being handled by the Police Department may be considered in the future.
- Fire Captain Chad Ward is conducting inspections as a Fire Investigator while on duty and his service in this capacity will be utilized more in the future.

Mayor Washburn presented a request received from Mr. Myron Rife to move the state championship school signs located along State Route 67 South at the location of the old corporation limit to the new corporation limit further south on State Route 67 South.

Chief Sturgeon suggested the Safety Committee conduct a future meeting and tour at the Safety Building. Safety Committee members agreed to conduct the June 2, 2009 Safety Committee meeting in the community room at the Safety Building. A tour of the Safety Building in conjunction with the Service Department's tour of the City service facilities was discussed.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

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Bud Miller, Chairman