

SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2010

The February 2, 2010 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Chad Smith, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Chad Smith, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; David Olds, Police Chief; Bill Sturgeon, Fire Chief; Eric Parks, Police Lieutenant; Drew Ruse, Police Officer; Tyler Howell, Police Officer; Nicole Blair, Police Dispatcher; Brenda Billock, Police Dispatcher; Mike Gullifer, Police Lieutenant; Jacob Rowland, Police Auxiliary; Don Spiegel; Regina Moore, Cost Recovery Corporation; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Angeline Industries				454.67
Bringman Clark Funeral Home				2000.00
Daily Chief Union				215.03
Gall's Inc.	1085.72	132.96		
Gottfried Electric	245.60		100.00	
Harris				7770.90
Indianapolis Rubber Stamp				33.00
Inventory Trading Company		50.00		
Inventory Trading Company		75.00		
Keaton Welding & Machine			500.00	
Lexis Nexis	111.46			
Luis Gil			20.00	
Mark Nutter		74.54		
Pilot Travel Centers	1618.04			
Quartermaster		232.36		
Quill	272.01	25.00	425.00	185.29
Rarey Roth Inc.	4920.00			210.00
Supercircuits Inc.	128.20			
Superior Business Solutions			388.74	
Hasler			1000.00	1000.00
Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.				711.29
Upper Auto Parts	28.04	645.19		635.90
Van Meter & Associates Inc	240.00			
Verizon Wireless	335.61			
Wal Mart	49.54			
West Payment Center				558.00
110.50				
Wyandot County Sheriff's Office	165.00			
23 Tire Center		910.72		
Yeater's Laundry & Drycleaning	158.00			
Total	<u>10625.30</u>	<u>1377.69</u>	<u>3203.03</u>	<u>12615.29</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$27,821.31

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$27,821.31. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 5, 2010 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief Olds indicated that beginning this year the Police Department is presenting two awards within the department with those individuals selected for the awards being nominated and voted on by the members of the department. Chief Olds indicated that there was a tie for the first award between Lieutenant Eric Parks and Officer Tyler Howell and both were presented Officer of the Year awards. Chief Olds stated that an overwhelming majority of votes were cast for Officer Drew Ruse to receive the second award, and Officer Ruse was presented the Community Service Award. Chief Olds read comments received from members of the department in the selection of these three individuals.

Mr. John Hawkins addressed the Safety Committee and indicated that motorists are experiencing problems at the intersection of East Wyandot Avenue and Fifth Street. It was noted that motorists traveling westbound on East Wyandot Avenue at the intersection of Fifth Street are unsure whether this section of street is one or two lanes of traffic. Chief Olds confirmed that accidents have occurred in this area due to this problem. Also discussed were the intersections of North Sandusky Avenue and Finley Street and North Sandusky Avenue and Bigelow Street for motorists traveling northbound on North Sandusky Avenue. Safety Committee members agreed to table further discussion until Chief Olds has an opportunity to look at these areas.

At this time Mayor Washburn, members of the Safety Committee, Lieutenant Gullifer, and Officer Ruse signed the labor agreement between the City and the Police Officers/Lieutenants Union as approved by City Council and the bargaining unit. It was noted that the signature of Mr. John Roca, IUPA Representative, will be obtained and the contract will be filed with the necessary agencies.

Chief Sturgeon expressed his appreciation, as a taxpayer of the City, to the City and Police Department representatives for working together to settle the contract in a timely manner and at a minimal cost to the City.

Chief Sturgeon indicated that the Wyandot County Emergency Management Agency is still working on the purchase of mobile units and portable radios for the Fire Department, as reported at the January 5, 2010 Safety Committee meeting.

Ms. Regina Moore, Cost Recovery Corporation, presented information about her company indicating that they assist municipalities in their efforts to recoup the costs expended by the Safety Services Departments at emergency/crash responses caused by non-residents. It was noted that there are no out of pocket cost to residents. Ms. Moore indicated that currently over 50% of insurance companies are choosing to cover these services. However, if the non-resident/non-taxpayer party at fault is not appropriately covered by insurance they would be held financially accountable for these associated costs because they are not supporting the local safety services and they would be billed directly for these costs. Safety Committee members agreed to table this matter and give this service further consideration.

Mr. McColly presented a request to designate the first parking space along the south side of East Johnson Street, east of the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue, as "Compact Car Parking Only". It was noted that pick up trucks with long beds cause motorists turning onto East Johnson Street at this location to travel close to the center line. Safety Committee members requested Chief Olds look at the situation and report his findings at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. McColly also presented a concern he received for motorists exiting Ohio Caterpillar, 1820 East Wyandot Avenue, onto East Wyandot Avenue noting that the traffic light appears to be malfunctioning. Mr. Swinehart indicated that he was at this location earlier today and was met by Chief Olds and both watched the traffic light for a period of time and did not witness any malfunction. Chief Olds will periodically continue to monitor this traffic light.

Mayor Washburn presented a request for the placement of a speed limit sign on Wendy's Way. It was noted that a limited amount of roadway on both sides of the road are located within the City. The corporation limit on the west side of the road extends to the back of the Wendy's property and the corporation limit on the east side of the road extends to the north boundary of the Community Christian Church. Mayor Washburn inquired with Mr.

Don Spiegel, as a member of the Community Christian Church, as to if he is aware of any speeding problems in this area. Mr. Spiegel stated that he is not aware of any problems with speeding in this area.

Safety Committee members discussed the possibility of changing the monthly meeting date of the Safety Committee meeting to be held on the first Monday of the month after the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to change the meeting night of the Safety Committee, beginning March 1, 2010 to begin at 8:15 p.m. or immediately following the City Council meeting should City Council extend past 8:15 p.m. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon reported that reception of the Fire Department's radio is not being received in all areas. This matter is currently being looked at and more information should be known after tomorrow.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Chad Smith, Chairman