

SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 3, 2011

The October 3, 2011 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:15 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; 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>
Bay Trophy	14.00			
Brown Supply Co.	158.04			425.00
Carl R. Harris Electrical				183.10
Commercial Savings Bank			80.00	
Daily Chief Union				209.06
Clemans Nelson & Associates				210.00
The Fire House		119.00		
Galls	284.51			
Guth Laboratories	29.70			
Inventory Trading	122.00			
OH Municipal Joint Self-Ins Pool				579.00
Perry Corporation	61.00	25.00	450.00	325.00
Pilot Travel Centers	1714.73			
Quill				432.77
Rarey-Roth Inc.				115.00
Staples				211.39
Superior Business Solutions				174.47
US Bancorp				367.43
US Fire Equipment		89.00		
US LubeXpress	97.45			
Verizon Wireless	346.54			
W.S. Darley & Co.		91.09		
Wal Mart	49.12			
Yeater's Laundry & Drycleaning	158.00			
Treasurer, State of Ohio	747.00			
Total	<u>3782.09</u>	<u>324.09</u>	<u>530.00</u>	<u>3232.22</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$7,868.40

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$7,868.40. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the September 6, 2011 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held concerning the request presented at the September 6, 2011 Safety Committee meeting from residents in the area of Hankins Drive regarding motorists speeding in the area and a request for a speed limit sign or "Slow Children" sign along this roadway. Chief Olds indicated that in his research of Hankins Drive he found no documentation of this roadway being a dedicated street, therefore it should be considered an alley. The speed limit for an alley is 15 mph and alleys are intended to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings; not for the purpose of through vehicular traffic. Officers will be patrolling the area.

Safety Committee members again discussed a request received for the placement of additional “No Parking This Side of Street” signs along the north side of the 300 block of West Bigelow Street near North Eighth Street. It was noted that there is one “No Parking This Side of Street” sign further west along the block that cannot be seen by motorists near North Eighth Street. Chief Olds recommended two additional “No Parking This Side of Street” signs be placed along the north side of this street in this block.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize the placement of two additional “No Parking This Side of Street” signs along the north side of the 300 block of West Bigelow Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Swinehart indicated that problems are being experienced with cars parking too close to the adjacent streets during midget league football practice at the practice field located in the 300 block of North Hazel Street. It was noted that league play is almost completed for this year.

Chief Sturgeon reported that the volunteer members of the Fire Department have decided to use volunteer funds to purchase uniforms including shirts, ties, and pants. A fundraiser is being considered for jackets.

Safety Committee members expressed their appreciation to all those who assisted with the 11th annual Autumn Cruise held Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Chief Olds presented a complaint received from a resident near Houpt Drive of cars being parked along both sides of the street, with “No Parking” signs posted along both sides of the street. Chief Olds indicated that he has discussed the matter with the school and they have no objections to the “No Parking” signs being removed along the north side of Houpt Drive. Safety Committee members decided to look at the area and take this suggestion under consideration.

Chief Olds indicated that Chapter 953 Harrison Smith Park of the City’s Codified Ordinances only addressed rules and regulations for Harrison Smith Park and Bicentennial Park. Chief Olds noted that an issue with individuals being in Stepping Stones Park late at night was experienced recently. Chief Olds suggested the Safety Committee and Park Board consider including the other City Parks in these rules and regulations. Safety Committee members also discussed establishing an opening time of 5:00 a.m. for the City Parks.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McColly, to recommend to the Park Board to review Chapter 953 Harrison Smith Park of the Codified Ordinances and include all City Parks in the regulations and add an opening hour of 5:00 a.m. for all City Parks. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Olds suggested the placement of a 25 mph speed limit sign(s) along the southbound lane of North Sandusky Avenue as it enters the downtown area. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to approve the placement of 25 mph speed limit sign(s) along the southbound lane of North Sandusky Avenue as it enters the downtown area.

Chief Olds presented a request for the traffic light located at the intersection of North Sandusky Avenue and Bigelow Street to fully operate 24 hours per day, instead of blinking red on Bigelow Street and yellow on North Sandusky during specific hours every day. It was noted that similar requests have previously been received from other individuals for the same. Safety Committee members discussed the various options for traffic control devices at this intersection and the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue and Crawford Street, including the possibility of eliminating the traffic lights and replacing them with 2-way stop signs. Safety Committee members agreed to look at the situation further and seek input from residents and motorists.

Mayor Washburn reported that he will be sending a letter to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control indicating that the City has no objections to a transfer liquor permit being issued to Wal-Mart, 1855 East Wyandot Avenue.

Chief Sturgeon indicated that the Upper Sandusky High School Student Council would like to hold a bon fire at the fairgrounds on Monday, October 10, 2011 and has asked the fire department to oversee the activity. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Chief Sturgeon reported that Mr. Brian Brodman and Mr. Mike Aurand will need to be sworn in as new Volunteer Firemen. The Mayor's Office will be contacted with a date for these volunteers to be sworn in.

Chief Sturgeon read a letter of resignation received from Volunteer Fireman Scott Gelbaugh, effective September 30, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to accept the resignation of Mr. Scott Gelbaugh as a Volunteer Fireman, effective September 30, 2011, with appreciation expressed for his years of service. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon stated that a Basic Fire Fighter class held locally began last Saturday.

Chief Sturgeon noted that Fire Prevention Week is October 9, 2011 through October 15, 2011, and the Fire Department will be holding an open house on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Chief Olds reported that the Evidence Tracking System from ID Networks, approved for purchase by the Safety Committee, has been ordered.

Chief Olds also reported that a grant will be submitted for other projects at the Police Department.

It was noted that Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chief Olds added that the Police Department is accepting donations for candy to be distributed at the Police Department during Trick-or-Treat.

A thank-you from the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers to the Safety Committee for their sponsorship of the Autumn Cruise was shared.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Chad Smith, Chairman