

SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 4, 2019

The February 4, 2019 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Rick Roberts, Bill Thornton, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Dan Ross, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Charles Seeley, Police Officer; Sarah Knapp; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>
A-1 Printing			165.60
AT & T	94.47		
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American Fire & Safety Services	121.00		
Athens Technical Specialists	328.41		
Breathing Air Systems		540.50	
Brown Supply Company		105.84	
Cellebrite Inc.	3700.00		
Galls	15.07		
Galls	248.55		
Galls	392.74		
Galls	110.61		
Galls	41.87		
Galls	11.28		
Galls	128.44		
Galls	92.49		
Gottfried Electric			70.00
Jasper Repair		3758.00	
Lexis Nexis			232.09
Luis Gil			40.00
Nicole Blair	107.44		
Nicole Blair	75.19		
Office Depot	14.94		
Parsell Plumbing		261.37	
Pilot Travel Centers	190.88		
Public Agency Training Council	295.00		
Reineke Motors	47.24		
Reineke Motors	48.24		
Reineke Motors	238.35		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	665.00		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	177.00		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	177.00		
US Bank	445.86		
Verizon Wireless	436.62		
Visa	199.00		
Yeater's Laundry	<u>409.00</u>		
Total	<u>8811.69</u>	<u>4665.71</u>	<u>796.13</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$14,273.53

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Wessler, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$14,273.53. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 7, 2019 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief Ross introduced recently hired Police Officer Charles Seeley.

Mrs. Sarah Knapp, Practically Perfect, 104 South Sandusky Avenue, addressed the Safety Committee regarding parking issues in the downtown area. Mrs. Knapp stated that she has received complaints from her customers about parking so she started a Facebook poll and she presented the Safety Committee with the results of that poll and comments from individuals regarding the matter. Mrs. Knapp requested consideration of designated parking spaces for her business. Chief Ross indicated that the Police Department has not had a Parking Control Officer since 2005 and they currently don't have the staffing to enforce parking violations. Safety Committee members requested Mr. Hemminger include information about this matter in his report of this meeting in the Daily Chief Union and note that alternative parking areas are available for business owners and employees that would make parking spaces in the downtown area more available for business patrons. Safety Committee members indicated that the downtown businesses need to work in cooperation with each other on parking issues within the downtown area and perhaps this issue could be addressed by the Chamber of Commerce's downtown merchants association.

It was noted that the Elks has scheduled their annual Halloween walk-thru to take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to schedule Trick-or-Treat to take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department received very few calls during the recent sub-zero inclement weather.

Chief MaGinn reported that the Fire Department was awarded a \$44,000.00 grant through the State Fire Marshall's Office to upgrade to MARCS radio equipment. Chief MaGinn indicated that the annual fees charged for this radio system will be covered by grant funding through the State Fire Marshall's Office prior to future grants being awarded to other agencies for this equipment.

Chief Ross reported that the Police Department did not experience any emergency situations as a result of the recent sub-zero inclement weather.

Chief Ross expressed appreciation to the Street Department for their work clearing roads during the recent snowfalls.

Chief Ross indicated that the SUVs which were purchased for the Police Department in 2018 were beneficial during the snowy weather experienced recently.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Rick Roberts, Chairman