

SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 3, 2020

The August 3, 2020 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Artz Pavilion in Harrison Smith Park by Rick Roberts, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Seth Gillig, Police Captain; Scott Young, Fire Captain; Blake England; Jeremy Stringfellow; 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>
AT & T			299.25
Angeline Industries			85.20
Bender Communications	125.00		
Breathing Air Systems		328.14	
Brooks Yates Center	262.25		
Brown Supply Company	111.96		
Brown Supply Company	82.90		
First Aid Now	75.37	75.36	
Galls	26.94		
James Ruhlen			179.75
Jordan Breece	267.05		
Kerr's Automotive	1190.13		
Kimmel Corporation		1373.29	
Lexis Nexis			315.65
National Patent Systems	77.90		
OH Assoc Chiefs of Police	195.00		
Patrick's Automotive			758.95
Parsell Plumbing			231.65
Rebecca Ward			20.00
Reineke Motors Inc.	747.56		
Treasurer, State of Ohio	1330.00		
US Bank	444.89		
Yeater's Laundry	<u>306.50</u>		
Total	<u>5243.45</u>	<u>1776.79</u>	<u>1890.45</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$8,910.69

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. McColly, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$8,910.69. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the July 6, 2020 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Blake England and Mr. Jeremy Stringfellow, organizers of the St. Pete's Festival, addressed the Safety Committee regarding the festival planned to take place beginning in the evening of Friday, August 28, 2020 with a 5K run in Stepping Stones Park and continue on Saturday, August 29, 2020 and conclude on Sunday, August 30, 2020. Mr. England and Mr. Stringfellow inquired as to if the events planned for the parks including a volleyball tournament in Harrison Smith Park and 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Bicentennial Park will be permitted to take place in the parks or if alternate private venues must be utilized. They also asked if West Finley Street, adjacent to St. Pete's School, could still be closed for the festival. A drive-thru option for food being served will be offered this year. Mr. England and Mr. Stringfellow also indicated that they plan to cancel the parade being planned if the county goes "red" under the Ohio Department of Health's County Advisory Map for COVID-19. Also, a deadline of Thursday, August 20, 2020 has been set by the organizers to initiate alternate plans for the festival, if necessary. Safety Committee members stressed that guidelines from the Wyandot County Health Department need to be followed for this event.

It was decided that due to the Labor Day holiday, the September 7, 2020 Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Mr. Roberts presented a complaint received from Mr. Pete Gottfried regarding the traffic light located at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street. Mr. Gottfried indicated that the traffic light is an inconvenience and unnecessary and should be removed. Mr. Gottfried suggested that anyone walking who needs to cross Wyandot Avenue could cross at Eighth Street or Warpole Street, or possibly a pedestrian bridge could be built over Wyandot Avenue at the Hazel Street crossing. It was noted that the Safety Committee previously approved this light to be set to flash from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Mayor Washburn and Captain Gillig were asked to check if this traffic light can be set to flash at all times and a pedestrian button be installed to stop traffic on Wyandot Avenue to allow anyone walking to safely cross the street.

Captain Gillig reported that there is a problem with motorists speeding on High Street, between Pleasant View Street and Marseilles Avenue, with the speed limit on this street being 25 mph. Captain Gillig also noted that commercial vehicles and farm vehicles are prohibited from traveling on High Street. Mr. Roberts suggested a list of signs for this street, including "Children at Play", be presented to the Safety Committee for consideration.

Captain Gillig also reported that there is a problem being experienced by the Street Department regarding the operation of the street sweeper with vehicles parking in the downtown area in the 100 and 200 blocks of North and South Sandusky Avenue and the 100 blocks of East and West Wyandot Avenue on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., with signs posted in the downtown indicating "No Parking" during these hours. Captain Gillig informed the Safety Committee that the Police Department will be enforcing these parking violations and writing tickets. Safety Committee members suggested warnings be given prior to citations being issued.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Rick Roberts, Chairman