

SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 3, 2021

The May 3, 2021 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Rick Roberts, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Rick Roberts, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Seth Gillig, Police Captain; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Veronica Weaver; Jeremy Stringfellow; Kristin 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			310.74
A-1 Printing	78.00		
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Blue 360° Media			57.75
Brown Supply Company	84.88	84.87	
First Aid Now	43.65	43.65	
Guth Laboratories	36.55		
Jere Delany			120.00
Karen Kline			254.00
Mohawk Animal Hospital	455.83		
PowerPhone, Inc.	159.80		
PowerPhone, Inc.	129.00		
Reineke Motors, Inc.	39.85		
Superior Business Solutions			802.74
Treasurer, State of Ohio	665.00		
US Bank	465.89		
Verizon Wireless	428.13		
Visa		576.43	
Yeater's Laundry	<u>277.50</u>		
Total	<u>2864.08</u>	<u>704.95</u>	<u>1641.23</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$5,210.26

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Wessler, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$5,210.26. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 5, 2021 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Ms. Veronica Weaver, representing Nantucket Green Apartments, addressed the Safety Committee requesting consideration of the placement of "No Parking" signs on the west side of Nantucket Drive near the office of Nantucket Green Apartments. Ms. Weaver cited current issues with parking permitted on both sides of the street including snow plows and buses having difficult times getting thru the area and safety issues involving children crossing the road and not looking or not being seen by motorists. It was noted that the Safety Committee previously posted "No Parking" signs in the nearby cul-de-sac. Considerable discussion was held with Ms. Weaver.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Korte, to post "No Parking" signs on the west side of Nantucket Drive from the east/west sidewalk located north of the Nantucket Green Apartments office to the east/west sidewalk located to the south of the office and north of the residents' parking lot. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Jeremy Stringfellow and Mrs. Kristin Stringfellow addressed the Safety Committee regarding plans for the St. Pete's Festival to be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 and Sunday, August 29, 2021. Mr. Stringfellow indicating that they are hoping to be able to have a parade on Saturday as part of the festival this year, as it was not allowed last year due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions. Mr. Stringfellow requested the closure of North Eighth Street for the parade to leave the high school at approximately 1:00 p.m. and head south on North Eighth Street ending at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 120 North Eighth Street, at approximately 1:45 p.m. Mr. Stringfellow requested the closure of West Finley Street, between North Eighth Street and the second alley to the west from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on Saturday, August 28, 2021 and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2021 for the festival.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to approve the street closure requests for the St. Pete's Festival and parade, as requested. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was again noted that the fire protection contracts with Crane, Mifflin, and Salem Townships expire on July 1, 2021. Chief MaGinn indicated that he will have more information on the renewal of these contracts at the June 7, 2021 Safety Committee meeting.

Safety Committee members reviewed a notice from the Department of Commerce, Ohio Division of Liquor Control indicating that all liquor permits within the municipality expire on July 1, 2021. Safety Committee members took no action and voiced their desire for no request for any hearings for the renewal of these permits.

Captain Gillig presented a complaint from a resident in the 200 block of South Fifth Street regarding parking restrictions on the east side of the street. Captain Gillig noted that there was previously a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign located south of the alley in the 200 block of South Fifth Street and it was moved to the north side of the alley when the Street Department consolidated signs. Considerable discussion was held regarding parking in this area and potential hazards with the steep railroad crossing to the south.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Korte, to allow parking on the east side of South Fifth Street north of the east/west alley. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Captain Gillig indicated that the Police Department is still working on the Lexipol policy service.

Chief MaGinn reported that four individuals were previously approved as new volunteer firemen and two of those individuals have been let go.

Chief MaGinn also reported that last week the Fire Department was called to a kitchen fire in a multi-story living facility and only two firefighters responded.

Chief MaGinn stated that more volunteer firemen are needed and options need to be considered to attract more firemen including a review of the current pay for volunteer firemen.

Chief MaGinn presented an estimate of \$60,000.00 to replace all of the concrete in the Fire Department bay as there are problems with the floor. It was noted that the problem areas will be patched for the time being.

Mayor McColly reported that a Memorial Day parade is being planned.

Mayor McColly also reported that the Police Department and Fire Department will be kept informed regarding the legislation being considered by City Council for the operation of mobile food trucks within the City.

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