

SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 3, 2009

The March 3, 2009 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Bud Miller, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Bud Miller, Chad Smith, and Scot Swinehart.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; David Olds, Police Chief; Bill Sturgeon, Fire Chief; and Sarah Molnar, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
A & A Grocery				2.50
Armbruster Water Condit.	92.00		33.00	28.75
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Bender Communications		81.30		
Brown Supply Co.	169.80	194.37	102.88	
Cellular Central	54.99			
Chief Supply	238.93			
Clemans Nelson & Assocs.				337.50
Daily Chief Union				232.10
Dell	705.45			
Discount Drug Mart	16.97			
Embassy Suites Hotel				240.00
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Finley Fire Equipment		886.04		
Gall's	2749.94			
Green Guard First Aid	102.46		45.09	
Heart of the Earth Equipment		168.50		
Henschen & Assocs.			938.50	
Inventory Trading	203.50			
Kline Pest Control	22.00	22.00		55.00
Koehler Drug Company	15.96			
A-1 Printing	33.00			
Luis Gil			140.00	
Lexis Nexis			110.40	
Lynn Dunbar	72.60			
MC Diversified				600.00
Modern Marketing	121.74			
Momar			479.65	
N. Todd Heil	315.33			
Nicole Blair	20.00			
NE Wisconsin Tech. College		125.00		
OH Assoc. Chiefs of Police	175.00			
Quill	232.77	10.78	49.71	435.93
Richard Grafmiller			1246.48	
Rarey Roth Inc.				165.00
Richardson Ulrich Flowers				68.50
Royal Chemical	324.15			
Sirchie	131.25			
Schottenstein Zox & Dunn				115.00
Superior Business Solutions				526.71
Thomson West			222.00	110.50
Traffic Safety Store	471.77			
Ohio BCI & I	44.00			
Treasurer, State of Ohio	747.00			
Trophies 'n' Such	402.15			
US Bank	92.41			142.85
US Bank			299.58	
US Fire Equipment		1014.21		178.32
Verizon Wireless	279.43			
Yeater's Laundry	<u>265.50</u>			
Total	<u>8393.60</u>	<u>2688.35</u>	<u>3667.64</u>	<u>3020.16</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$17,769.75

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$17,769.75. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 2, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the February 10, 2009 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

Mr. Miller inquired as to the status of the inquiry made with the City's Law Director as to whether individuals who have a four year college degree can be given a 20% bonus credit, instead of the 15% currently being given for a four year college degree, upon passing a civil service examination held for the position of Police Officer and to be equal to the military credit given. It was noted that a determination on this matter is still pending.

Discussion was held concerning the east/west alley located adjacent to the Police Department, and the designation of this alley to be one way westbound from Seventh Street to Eighth Street and the placement of stop signs on the north/south alleys at the intersection with this alley. Chief Olds indicated that there are safety issues with this alley as there have been several close calls. It was noted that Mr. John Houser, Houser and Associates, located at the west end of the alley has voiced his objection for the entire length of the alley to be designated as one way and has suggested the portion of the alley located adjacent to the police department, from Seventh Street to the intersection of the north/south alley, be the only section designated as one way. Considerable discussion was held concerning the need for the one way designation in this alley and flow of traffic.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Miller, to designate the east/west alley located adjacent to the Police Department as one way westbound from Seventh Street to Eighth Street and approve the placement of stop signs on the north/south alleys at the intersection with this alley. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the status of the "No Parking This Side of Street" signs that were previously posted and have been removed along River Street in Mononcue. Safety Committee members requested Mayor Washburn check with Mr. Allen Boes, Street Department Supervisor, as to the status of these signs.

Discussion was held regarding an inquiry received about the speed limit and the speed limit signs located along Raybestos Drive. It was noted that the speed limit in this area was previously approved by the Safety Committee and the appropriate speed limit signs were installed.

Chief Olds reported that training is progressing for the Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit and for the Field Training Officers, and the Department's Mission Statement is almost complete.

Chief Sturgeon reported that fourteen sections of fire hose have been ordered at a cost of \$1,600.00, and additional turn out gear for members of the Fire Department will soon be ordered. Chief Sturgeon indicated that Mr. Kurt Beidelschies, Volunteer Fireman, was sworn in by Mayor Washburn at City Council last evening. Mr. Beidelschies had previously completed firefighter training, and the three other Volunteer Fireman recently sworn in have completed their training and will be taking their final test on Saturday and upon passing the course all of the new members will complete interdepartmental training. The four new volunteers have been issued department pagers.

Chief Sturgeon inquired as to the possibility of him attending a training session in three weeks for new Fire Chiefs at the Ohio Fire Academy at a cost of \$65.00 for the training session, and for him to attend the FDIC Fire Show in Indianapolis in April being an equipment show and training seminar. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to Chief Sturgeon attending the training session and Fire Show as requested.

Chief Sturgeon reported that the air compressor owned by the County Association and used to fill the Fire Department's air tanks has been repaired.

Chief Sturgeon suggested the fire hydrants located throughout the City be color code painted based upon the flow of water. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Service Committee and the Water Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, 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.

Safety Committee members reviewed a letter received from Johnson's Autobody & Towing, Nevada, Ohio, requesting the City reconsider the new policy implemented by Chief Olds of the police department unlocking vehicles within the City. The letter expressed concerns about damage that could be caused to vehicles and a loss of income for their business. Chief Olds stated that Police Officers are going through the top of the door frame to unlock vehicles not using a tool that goes into the door along the outside of the window and only two to three unlocks per week are being performed.

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

Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

Bud Miller, Chairman