

SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 1, 2009

The September 1, 2009 Safety Committee meeting was called to order 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>
Bender Communications	65.00			
Brown Supply Co.		162.99		
Buckeye Truck Repair		674.23		
Cellular Central	10.00			
Clemans Nelson Assocs.				240.00
Daily Chief Union				183.80
Finley Fire Equipment		1017.23		
Gall's	1117.92			
Inventory Trading	65.00	87.00		
Kerr's Auto Services	116.50			
Kiesler's Police Supply	692.40			
Mansfield Police Dept.	240.00			
Office Depot			16.20	
OH Peace Officer Training	665.00			
OH School Res Ofcr Assoc	350.00			
Public Agency Training	475.00			
Treasurer, State of Ohio	747.00			
Quill	178.07	25.00	379.70	111.49
Rarey Roth Inc.	3200.00			1800.00
US Bank	394.39			180.07
US Lube Xpress	63.29			
Verizon Wireless	287.98			
Wal Mart	363.64			150.00
Thomson West			2236.50	110.50
Yeater's Laundry	161.00			
Total	<u>9192.19</u>	<u>1966.45</u>	<u>2632.40</u>	<u>2775.86</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$16,566.90

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$16,556.90. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 4, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held again on the request presented by Mrs. Patricia Vogel for the designation of a handicap parking space in front of her hair salon located at 112 West Johnson Street, as presented at the August 4, 2009 Safety Committee meeting. It was noted that Mr. Allen Boes, Street Department Supervisor, was asked to measure the area to determine if any parking spaces will remain if a handicap parking space is created. Safety Committee members agreed to table further discussion until Mr. Boes measures the area.

Chief Olds reported that he contacted Mrs. Sharon Lee, Wyandot County Job and Family Services, concerning her request presented at the August 4, 2009 Safety Committee meeting for the placement of "No Parking" signs in the north/south alley located between Court Street and East Johnson Street. Chief Olds also contacted Mr. Lynn Yeater, Wyandot County EMS concerning this matter. The City's Street Department painted yellow barred lines on the pavement in this area indicating "No Parking" and this has resolved the problem. The Police Department will continue to monitor the situation.

Chief Sturgeon indicated that he will be holding office hours, as suggested, on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning in the near future.

Chief Sturgeon also noted that the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses for the Fire Department has temporarily been placed on hold.

Safety Committee members agreed to schedule Trick-or-Treat to be held in conjunction with the Elks Halloween walk-thru on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Washburn presented concerns received of two near accidents at the intersection of Bigelow Street and North Sandusky Avenue created by the confusion of different operating cycles of the traffic light at this intersection. Chief Olds will discuss the City's options with Mr. Eric Gottfried, Gottfried Electric, and present his findings.

Safety Committee members inquired with Chief Olds as to the status of plans for the annual Autumn Cruise. Chief Olds indicated that the Police Department has submitted a letter to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the necessary street closures.

It was noted that parking along North Hazel Street, adjacent to the Union School practice field, has created problems in association with midget league practices and games, including cars being parked on the west side of the street where no parking is permitted. The Police Department will monitor the situation.

Chief Olds reported that he and Mayor Washburn met this evening with the Union Boosters concerning traffic and parking issues at Union School. The Police Department is looking into a "Safe Routes to School" grant being offered through the Ohio Department of Transportation. Members of the Police Department have been asked and have submitted their ideas and suggestions regarding the situation. Chief Olds will be meeting with school officials in the near future to discuss various ideas. The Police Department will monitor the area.

Chief Olds also indicated that various grants and training programs are being researched and considered by the Police Department.

It was noted that a new part-time police dispatcher has been hired and is doing a good job.

Chief Sturgeon reported that the following expenditures will be forthcoming:

- pumps are required to be tested at an approximate cost of \$150.00 per pump;
- the aerial needs to be recertified at an approximate cost of \$900.00;
- ground ladders (approximately 10 units) need to be inspected at a cost of \$45.00 each.

Chief Sturgeon also noted that the Fire Department's hoses have been tested, as required.

Chief Sturgeon stated that there have been no fires to report.

It was noted that the City will not have a booth at the Wyandot County Fair this year due to the current economic situation.

Mayor Washburn indicated that City's full-time firemen did not submit the request necessary to open the labor contract for negotiations, so they will continue to operate under the same terms for an additional one year period.

Mayor Washburn also noted that he wants to meet with the Safety Committee and the Safety Committee's representative prior to negotiations of the police labor contract.

Chief Sturgeon reported that he will be attending three days of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training in Columbus in the near future.

Mr. Roger Brodman, Wyandot County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), will be scheduling NIMS classes to be held locally in October.

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

Sarah J. Molnar, Clerk

Bud Miller, Chairman