

SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 2, 2012

The April 2, 2012 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kyle McColly, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Scot Swinehart, and Bill Thornton.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; David Olds, Police Chief; Bill Sturgeon, Fire Chief; Robin Schuster; Austin Pirc; Chanda Neely, 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	29.00		
Bender Communications	203.00		
Bud's Bicycle Shop	5.00		
Cardmember Services Visa			210.94
Chatelain		95.70	
Columbus Supply	192.59		
Club 9-1-1	250.00		
E & K Independent LLC		497.60	
Earthspirits.net Inc.	524.96		
Ericka Huston	67.50		
Luis Gil			40.00
Michael Brewster	125.00		
Quartermaster	118.11		
Superior Business			64.15
Thomson West			294.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	747.00		
US LubeXpress	27.18		
US Bank	490.71		
Watch Guard	134.25		
Wilson Tire Co.			23.00
Yeater's Laundry	<u>195.50</u>		
Total	3109.80	<u>593.30</u>	<u>632.09</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$4,335.19

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$4,335.19. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the March 5, 2012 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Robin Schuster addressed the Safety Committee and expressed his concerns about the Safety Committee's decision to remove the traffic light at the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue and Crawford Street. Mr. Schuster indicated that a stop sign placed on West Crawford Street would have to be placed in the parking area for his business, and the visibility of this sign could be an issue due to parked vehicles. It was noted that this parking area is located within the City right-of-way. Mr. Schuster inquired as to if a study has been conducted. Chief Olds reported that he presented a traffic crash study to the Safety Committee several months ago concerning this intersection noting that no traffic crashes have occurred in the last three years. Mayor Washburn suggested the Safety Committee consider leaving the traffic light at this intersection and have it set to flash at all times instead of removing the traffic light and installing stop signs. Chief Olds indicated that a sign will need to be posted advising motorists of the traffic pattern change.

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to amend the following motion made at the March 5, 2012 Safety Committee meeting: “to begin the process to remove the traffic light at the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue/Crawford Street”; to instead leave the traffic light at this intersection and set it to flash at all times. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Sturgeon reported that he has not received notification on the Fire Department’s grant application for new turn out gear.

Chief Sturgeon noted that the purchase of pagers for the Fire Department is a priority with a minimum of thirty (30) pagers needed and ideally forty (40) pagers would be purchased. It was noted that the dual channel pagers are preferred. Mayor Washburn and Chief Sturgeon will meet with Mrs. Carolyn Frederick, City Auditor, to discuss the availability of funding for this purchase and if necessary a special Safety Committee meeting will be held to approve the purchase.

Chief Sturgeon reported that the State Fire Marshall has completed the arson investigation of the home located at 208 West Bigelow Street and has indicated that the structure can be removed.

Chief Olds reported that the Police Department has been monitoring the traffic situation on South Eighth Street, at the traffic light in front of South School, as presented at the March 5, 2012 Safety Committee meeting. Chief Olds indicated that several stops have been made and the Police Department will continue to monitor traffic in the area.

Mr. McColly inquired with Chief Olds as to if an accident occurred at the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue and Fairview Street with a vehicle traveling south on South Sandusky Avenue and a vehicle traveling west on Fairview Street, which driver would be at fault since there is no stop sign for either motorist. Chief Olds indicated that the driver traveling west on Fairview Street would be cited.

Chief Olds requested consideration of the Safety Committee to allow the three (3) old police cruisers to be listed for sale on govdeals.com. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Chief Olds reported that the new computers at the Police Department have been installed and are being used, with some additional programs currently being considered that will also need to be installed.

Chief Olds noted that grant funding will be available later this year to upgrade the Police Department computers to digital.

Chief Olds also reported that the new police cruisers have been delivered and striped and are in the process of being outfitted.

Chief Sturgeon reported that recently hired full-time Firefighter Robert Orr is doing a good job.

Chief Sturgeon also reported that he is working with the County on the development of a County wide mutual aid procedure.

It was noted that the Firemen’s Festival is being planned for Saturday, July 28, 2012.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kyle McColly, Chairman