

SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 5, 2012

The March 5, 2012 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kyle McColly, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Scot Swinehart, and Bill Thornton.

Others present included: Todd Heil, Police Captain; Lynn Yeater, Assistant Fire Chief; Jim Rhoden; Irvin Woods; Dan Newell; Roxy Karg; Shelly Thornton; Linda Kauble; Evie Hall-Case; Rick Roberts; Don Spiegel; Bob Steiert; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Automated Petroleum			1266.10	
Data Talk Telecom			12090.66	
Dolbey & Company, Inc.			3490.00	
Duo-Safety Ladder Corporation		316.00		
First Contract 9-1-1, LLC	596.00			
Fire Safety Services		254.00		
Galls	531.22	602.24		
Grindel Sales Corporation	942.00			
Green Guard First Aid	81.96			
Harts Auto Supply	240.31			
Henschen and Associates, Inc.			1489.00	
James Gucker				447.00
Luis Gil			100.00	
Mansfield Police Department		160.00		
MT Business Technologies	67.23			
Newell-Johnson Insurance			100.00	
Ohio Chief Probation Officers Assn.				150.00
Ohio Municipal Attorneys Assn.				775.00
Pilot Travel Centers LLC	1592.95			
Professional Interpreters for the Deaf				141.50
Quartermaster		136.06		
Rarey-Roth Inc.	5174.00			
Reineke Motors Inc.	126.00			
Superior Business Solutions			305.56	
Sound Communications			2218.29	
Troop 185	80.00			
US Fire Equipment		1585.25		
US Bank	372.88			
US LubeXpress	20.00			
Watch Guard	134.25			
Total	<u>10254.86</u>	<u>4023.59</u>	<u>20532.01</u>	<u>775.00</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$35,585.46

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$35,585.46. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 6, 2012 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Jim Rhoden and Mr. Irvin Woods, representing the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers, requested permission to utilize the downtown area on Saturday, September 22, 2012 for the 12th annual Autumn Cruise. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to the request. The Police Chief will be asked to contact the Ohio Department of Transportation concerning the necessary closure of State Routes for the event.

Mr. Dan Newell, representing the Wyandot County Historical Society, requested permission to close the 100 block of South Seventh Street and adjacent alleys from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2012 for an antique car show to be held in conjunction with an open house and ice cream social to be held at the Wyandot County Museum. Carriage rides will also take place in conjunction with the event. Safety Committee members voiced no objections to this request.

Ms. Roxy Karg addressed the Safety Committee concerning information she presented at the February 6, 2012 City Council meeting concerning possible dog tethering legislation. Captain Heil presented a letter from Chief David Olds indicating that he feels the proposed ordinance is not in the best interest of the City as enforcement would be extremely costly and time consuming. Chief Olds states in his letter that the City does not currently employ a position of animal control officer; and as proposed, this ordinance would require one if not two full time positions in order to insure compliance. Chief Olds notes that he discussed the proposed legislation with Mr. Andy Niederkohr, Wyandot County Dog Warden, and was advised by Mr. Niederkohr the he would not enforce the city ordinance and the county would not incur the associated costs including the removal of canines, housing, medical, food, water, and etc.; therefore the City would be required to hire one or two animal control officers, provide a vehicle to transport canines, a building to house the animals, kennels, food, water, and all other equipment. Ms. Karg stated that the number of calls initially would be more until the public is educated on the law; and an initial call would result in a warning and if problems continue the dog should be confiscated at the expense of the home owner. Considerable discussion of this matter was held between visitors to the meeting and Safety Committee members. Safety Committee members agreed to look at this issue further and discuss the matter with the Dog Warden.

Discussion was again held concerning the traffic lights at the intersection of North Sandusky Avenue/Bigelow Street and South Sandusky Avenue/Crawford Street. Safety Committee members agreed that the light at the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue/Crawford Street should be removed and the light at the intersection of North Sandusky Avenue/Bigelow Street should remain operational as this light is needed to assist students from the Middle School to cross the street. Captain Heil presented information obtained by Chief Olds concerning his findings as to if these areas could be considered business districts with a reduced speed limit of 25 mph since Sandusky Avenue is considered a State Route, as this was discussed at the February 6, 2012 Safety Committee meeting. It was noted that a business district, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code, requires that 50% of the buildings in the block be businesses; therefore these areas cannot be considered business districts.

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to begin the process to remove the traffic light at the intersection of South Sandusky Avenue/Crawford Street. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A concern from a resident was presented concerning motorists speeding, driving recklessly, and driving through the red light in front of South School on South Eighth Street. It was noted that the Police Department will monitor the area.

Mr. Lynn Yeater, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that the Fire Department has applied for a grant through the State Fire Marshall's Office for new turn out gear. It was noted that should the grant not be awarded to the Fire Department, some turn out gear will still need to be replaced. Chief Sturgeon should know and be able to report the status of the grant at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Assistant Chief Yeater requested the City consider approving the purchase of Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T.) equipment, as presented to the Safety Committee on November 7, 2011 by Volunteer Fireman Keith Johnson, when the funds become available.

Mr. Swinehart inquired with Assistant Chief Yeater as to the clean up of the home located at 208 West Bigelow Street that burned as a suspected arson. Assistant Chief Yeater indicated that clean up of the property is the responsibility of the property owner.

Assistant Chief Yeater presented the following quotes received for the purchase of thirty (30) pagers for the Fire Department:

Bender Communications, Marion, Ohio
Motorola Minitor V VHF frequency pagers
single channel - \$404.00 each, \$12,120.00 total
dual channel - \$442.00 each, \$13,260.00 total

Wheeler Communications, Bucyrus, Ohio
Motorola Minitor V VHF frequency pagers
single channel - \$380.00 each, \$11,400.00 total
dual channel - \$460.00 each, \$13,800.00 total

Assistant Chief Yeater indicated that the County will narrow the band of all frequencies beginning in early May 2012 and this process will be completed in May 2013, and all of the Fire Department's existing pagers will need to be replaced during this process. Mayor Washburn will be asked about available funding for these pagers.

Captain Heil reported that the Police Department's new computer hardware, obtained through a grant, has been installed and is currently up and running.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kyle McColly, Chairman