

SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 3, 2014

The February 3, 2014 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. in Council Chambers. Safety Committee members present were Kyle McColly, Scot Swinehart, and Bill Thornton.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; David Olds, Police Chief; Lynn Yeater, Fire Chief; Rick Roberts; Don Spiegel; Evie Hall-Case; Alissa Paolella, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time the election of a Chairman was addressed. A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to nominate Mr. McColly as Chairman of the Safety Committee. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>POLICE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>MUNI. CT.</u>
A-1 Printing	39.90		
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Andrew Ruse	55.44		
Barrett Brothers Publishers			68.00
Brown Supply		65.40	
Dorothy Pool	35.00		
First Aid & Safety Services	28.53	28.52	
Finley Fire Equipment		54.51	
Galls	677.59		
Jeffrey Jewelry	32.17		
OAMCCC			175.00
OPOTA	770.00		
Reineke Motors	214.90		
Romich Sales & Service		75.76	
Special Occasions Catering	150.50		
Superior Business Solutions			241.98
Thomson Reuters			321.50
US Bank	386.97		
US LubeXpress	20.00		
Victim Assistance Program			3501.50
Verizon Wireless	308.79		
Watch Guard	<u>260.00</u>		
Total	<u>2979.79</u>	<u>224.19</u>	<u>4422.98</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$7,626.96

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$7,626.96. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 13, 2014 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Discussion was held as to the status of the offer by the First Presbyterian Church, 129 West Johnson Street, to allow County employees to park their personal vehicles in the church's parking lot so the parking lot currently being utilized by County employees and located adjacent to the Wyandot County Council on Aging office could be used by the Wyandot County Council on Aging to alleviate the parking problems being experienced on South Sandusky Avenue. It was noted that no further feedback has been received from the County and Mr. McColly indicated that he will again contact Mr. Bill Clinger, County Commissioner, concerning this matter.

Discussion was again held concerning the traffic light at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street and the suggestion received to remove this traffic light or change the cycle of the traffic light to flash at all times. The possibility of the school assigning crossing guards to assist children walking to school to cross this intersection safely was discussed and Mayor Washburn indicated that he discussed the issue with Mr. Jim Wheeler, USMS Principal, and was told that staffing for this duty would be an issue. Chief Olds recommended that no changes be made to the traffic light at this intersection. Safety Committee members agreed that in order to ensure the safety of the school children that no action will be taken on the suggestion to remove this traffic light or change the cycle of the traffic light to flash at all times.

Safety Committee members again reviewed a request from Mrs. Beckie Shuck for the placement of speed bumps in the north/south alley located adjacent to her Practically Perfect business, 116 West Johnson Street. Chief Olds indicated that he will contact Mrs. Shuck to determine if she can identify any specific issues with speeding in this alley.

Safety Committee members reviewed a request from Mrs. Elaine Grundtisch to extend the existing guardrail located along the east side in the 100 block of North Third Street further to the north. Safety Committee members agreed to view the area and further discuss this request. Mr. Roberts indicated that snow being removed from the apartment building on the west side of North Third Street is being pushed up against the existing guardrail and could be causing damage to the guard rail. Chief Olds will contact the apartment owner concerning this issue.

A request was presented from Mr. Phil Beidelschies representing Community First Bank, 101 North Sandusky Avenue, for the designation of limited parking near their location and for the removal of bushes located within the right-of-way. Mayor Washburn requested the Safety Committee members contact Mr. Beidelschies and further discuss these issues.

Safety Committee members reviewed the following bid received for the three year lease of three 2014 police cruisers:

Reineke Motors, Inc.	-	<u>Rear-Wheel Drive (RWD) – Dodge Charger(s)</u>
1045 E Wyandot Ave		\$24,209.00 total per unit - \$8,069.67 annual payment per unit
Upper Sandusky, OH		\$72,627.00 total for 3 units - \$24,209.00 annual payment for 3 units
		<u>All-Wheel Drive (AWD) – Dodge Charger(s)</u>
		\$25,409.00 total per unit - \$8,469.70 annual payment per unit
		\$76,227.00 total for 3 units - \$25,409.00 annual payment for 3 units

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to recommend to City Council to accept the bid from Reineke Motors, Inc., Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for the three year lease of three all-wheel drive (AWD) 2014 Dodge Charger police cruisers at a total cost of \$76,227.00, with annual payments of \$25,409.00. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Olds reported that Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, is still working on parking regulations for the City.

A letter of retirement from Police Officer Lynn Dunbar was reviewed, with his retirement to be effective on February 8, 2014. Mayor Washburn and Chief Olds explained that Officer Dunbar will not be retiring and then be rehired, but he will be returning as an auxiliary police officer and a member of the water rescue unit.

A motion was made by Mr. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. McColly, to accept the retirement of Police Officer Lynn Dunbar with appreciation for his years of service with the City. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to enter into an executive session to discuss a police officer appointment. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. McColly, seconded by Mr. Thornton, to hire Mr. James Kee as a full-time police officer effective immediately. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The possibility of changing the time of the Safety Committee meeting was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, for the Safety Committee meetings to begin at 4:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month beginning on March 3, 2014. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Yeater reported the following:

- The home burn training that was scheduled had to be cancelled due to weather conditions and the possibility of creating an icy hazard for motorists along State Route 53.
- Cory Taylor and Victor Foss are two new volunteer firemen currently enrolled in classes with most of the scheduled classes having been cancelled due to the weather.
- The Fire Department has applied for a federal grant and is still waiting to hear the outcome of the awards.
- The Fire Department has also applied for a state grant for new gear and pagers and the awards for this grant should be announced next month.

Chief Olds reported the following:

- The Police Department applied for a grant for five data terminals for the police cruisers and \$7,000.00 was awarded which will provide for two data terminals. These terminals will be installed in two of the 2014 police cruisers.
- The Police Department has been awarded the JAG LE grant again.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kyle McColly, Chairman