

SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2024

The November 4, 2024 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were Julia Lemire, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Brittney Walton, Wyandot Chamber of Commerce Director; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$48,169.38 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$48,169.38. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the October 7, 2024 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, addressed the Safety Committee regarding the Home for the Holidays parade to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Mrs. Walton indicated that the parade will line up at First Lutheran Church, 601 North Sandusky Avenue, and step off at 5:00 p.m. traveling south on North Sandusky Avenue and turning right onto West Wyandot Avenue and ending near the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Seventh Street. Mrs. Walton noted that the Parks Department is assisting with the Christmas tree to be lit this year as it will be displayed on a trailer in the 100 block of South Sandusky Avenue for the event and later planted in one of the City's parks. Mr. Walker indicated that he and his wife Esther will be donating the money to the City to pay for the Christmas tree this year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the Home for the Holidays parade as presented by Mrs. Brittney Walton. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Lemire stated that she received many compliments on the Halloween Parade held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 including the line-up and intersections being blocked.

Mayor McColly reported on behalf of Chief Mike MaGinn concerning the Safer Grant application and indicated that it was determined following discussions with the grant writer that the City will apply for three additional firefighters and some of the language from the previous grant applications will be amended for use in this grant application.

Chief Lucas reported that there have been discussions within the Police Department about overtime. Chief Lucas noted that the full-time Police Dispatchers are currently working a thirty-six (36) hour week and a forty-eight (48) hour week within a pay period, and being paid for seventy-six (76) hours of straight time plus eight (8) hours of overtime. Chief Lucas noted that the Police Dispatcher overtime budget of \$10,000.00 has been maxed out for 2024. Police Dispatchers are working four (4) hour shifts on Tuesdays to fill the requirements for minimum hours worked. Mayor McColly stated that the Police Dispatchers have filed to unionize and details are being worked out on that matter and once an agreement is reached the City will try to follow the contract as closely as possible.

Mayor McColly also reported that on Veterans' Day, Monday, November 11, 2024, beginning at 8:15 a.m. there will be a breakfast at Upper Sandusky High School followed by an assembly by students recognizing and honoring veterans.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman