

SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 2, 2025

The June 2, 2025 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Safety Committee members present were, John Walker and Kenneth Wessler. Julia Lemire was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$12,095.28 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$12,095.28. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief Lucas reported that only one application was received for the police officer positions and the advertisement for the positions will be extended.

Chief MaGinn inquired if there are any discussions taking place concerning the possibility of placing the income tax measure on the ballot again. It was noted that City Council will be discussing this issue again.

Chief MaGinn reported that the City's most recent Safer grant application has not been submitted to FEMA yet as the terms for the new grant phase have changed from previous Safer grants submitted. The hiring of firefighters under the new grant will not be 100% funded for three years, instead the City will have to contribute 25% during the first two years and 40% during the third year of employment for new firefighters. Chief MaGinn also noted that the newest grant will need to be rewritten and the grant writer will assess the City a \$500.00 penalty for not reapplying.

Chief Lucas reported that the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers would like to hold their annual Autumn Cruise in the downtown area on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to approve the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers annual Autumn Cruise in the downtown area on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Chief Lucas reported that several complaints have been received recently by the Police Department following a rise in mobility scooters in the community. Chief Lucas indicated that the City may have to consider adopting regulations for low speed micro-mobility devices weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds. Chief Lucas requested that Safety Committee give some consideration to these regulations. Mayor McColly indicated that he will forward information to Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, for his opinion on the matter.

Chief Lucas indicated that Ms. Rachel Kidd-Carter, the newly hired full-time police dispatcher, has completed her certifications and is doing a good job.

Chief Lucas also reported that he will be inviting a representative from Meridian Barriers to attend the July 7, 2025 Safety Committee meeting to possibly set up a demonstration of parade barricades.

It was noted that the Police and Fire Departments will be escorting the Upper Sandusky High School Boys Baseball team out of town on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 as they travel to Bowling Green, Ohio to participate in the State semi-finals.

Chief MaGinn reported that he received the permit today for the fireworks display to be held at the Upper Sandusky High School on Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Chief MaGinn also reported that the Fire Department will be holding their annual Chicken Barbeque on Friday, July 4, 2025.

It was noted that the Police and Fire Departments participated in the recent Memorial Day and St. Pete's Festival parades.

Chief MaGinn stated that the Fire Department responded to forty-two (42) calls in May 2025 including: seven (7) false alarms, eight (8) vehicle accidents, two (2) vehicle fires, one (1) machinery rescue, five (5) good intent calls, six (6) fires, and eight (8) EMS assists.

Chief MaGinn indicated that all of the Fire Department's trucks have been tested and it was found that the pumps on the #37 truck, which is a 1989 model, are in need of some maintenance.

Chief MaGinn further reported that the Volunteer Firemen have purchased a water rescue trailer with their funds which included a boat and suits at a cost of \$6,000.00. This equipment will be turned over to the City.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman