

SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 25, 2025

The June 25, 2025 special Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 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; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Safer grant application.

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 (3) years as previously offered with past Safer grants, instead the City will have to contribute 25% during each of the first two years and 40% during the third year of employment for new firefighters. If awarded, the total grant funding would be approximately \$840,000.00 with the City responsible to contribute approximately \$323,000.00 over the three (3) year period.

If the City decides to cancel the submission of the Safer grant, a fee of \$500.00 would be owed to the grant writer.

If the City applies for the Safer grant and is awarded the grant and then refuses to accept the grant, an amount of \$420,000.00, equivalent to half of the total grant funded, will be owed for the cancellation.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Walker, to withdraw the City's Safer grant application. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman