SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 5, 2026

The October 5, 2026 Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, Chairperson. Safety Committee members present were Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Jared Lucas, Police Chief; Mike MaGinn, Fire Chief; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resources Officer; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling $3,483.78 was presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the approval and payment of bills totaling $3,483.78. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the September 8, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 28, 2026 (12:30 p.m.) special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 28, 2026 (12:35 p.m.) special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Safety Committee member, were approved as received.

Chief MaGinn presented a quote from Reineke Family Dealerships for the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-250 XLT Crew Cab 4x4 pickup truck with a 6.75' bed at a cost of $56,263.00. Chief MaGinn indicated that this truck would be an addition to the Fire Department's fleet, not a replacement, and it would be used to transport fire department personnel and equipment. Chief MaGinn noted that the pickup truck would need to be outfitted after delivery.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-250 XLT Crew Cab 4x4 pickup truck with a 6.75' bed at a cost of $56,263.00 for the Fire Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a take home vehicle for the incoming Fire Chief. Chief MaGinn indicated that this vehicle would be beneficial to the incoming Fire Chief as that individual could use that vehicle to respond to the scene of a fire call when not on duty, instead of having to use their personal vehicle. It was noted that Ordinance No. 89-14, currently before City Council, authorizes the sale of two (2) police cruisers. Discussion was held about the possibility of converting the 2020 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser into a vehicle for the Fire Chief. Chief Lucas was asked about the mileage on this vehicle and he indicated that it has 95,000 miles.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to recommend to City Council to amend Ordinance No. 89-14 and remove the 2020 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser from this legislation. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding employment. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Safety Committee reconvened into regular session.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to move forward with a job offer to one of the full-time Fire Chief candidates. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Discussion was again held regarding the pay increase for the paid-on-call firefighters and language to be adopted and followed when paid-on-call firefighters respond to calls.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to approve three (3) hours of call-out at $15.00 per hour (not at an overtime rate) for paid-on-call firefighters upon working an incident, and one (1) hour at $15.00 per hour for paid-on-call firefighters who are sent home by a supervisor for responding but not working, and the hours need to be verified by the Fire Chief. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the mtoion carried.

Safety Committee members reviewed a request from the American Legion for the annual Halloween Parade to be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026 with line up beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the library and the parade stepping off at 6:30 p.m. and ending at the Safety Building, 120 North Seventh Street, with costume judging to be held in the fire bay.

Chief MaGinn reported on the following:

- During the month of September the Fire Department responded to thirty-five (35) calls including:
    - Eight (8) vehicle accidents.
    - Five (5) dispatched and cancelled en route.
    - Seven (7) carbon monoxide/smoke.
    - Two (2) EMS assists.
    - Six (6) alarms.
    - Seven (7) good intent.
    - The average manpower response for these calls was two (2) firefighters.
- The Fire Department will be visiting all of the elementary schools on Friday, October 9, 2026.
- In discussion with Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, regarding the Chamber's First Thursday event held on Thursday, October 1, 2026 and vendors set up in the middle of the street in the 100 block of North Sandusky Avenue and vendors' cars being parked along both sides of the street, Chief MaGinn requested that for future events these vendors be moved to one side of the street in order to leave a fire lane in case of an emergency.

Chief Lucas reported on the following:

- The City has received several police officer applications with the civil service examination to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026.
- Police Officer Eric Long will be moving to the night shift in the coming weeks to continue his training.
- Auxiliary Officer Jude Dowler continues his training in a part-time capacity.
- Chief Lucas has prepared specifications for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) Radios and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, and this information is being reviewed and will be posted in the near future. The current radio system is stable at this time but not reliable.
- The Police Department participated in the Touch-a-Truck event held as part of the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce's First Thursday event held in the downtown area on Thursday, October 1, 2026.
- The Battle of the Badges held in McCutchenville, Ohio on Saturday, September 12, 2026 was a success.
- No issues were experienced with the annual Autumn Cruise held in the downtown area on Saturday, September 26, 2026. A record breaking number of cars participated in the event.
- The calls for service during the month of September 2026 was three hundred twenty-seven (327).

Chief Lucas presented a call for service by activity code and date(s) report. Safety Committee members requested this information be emailed in the future for their review prior to Safety Committee meetings.

Mayor McColly inquired about donations for trick-or-treat at the Police Department. Chief Lucas indicated that the Police Department will accept monetary donations and/or candy that is manufactured wrapped.

Mayor McColly also inquired about Lexipool digital training for the new members of the Police Department. Chief Lucas indicated that he will discuss this training with these employees.

Mayor McColly reported that he and Mr. Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant, met with a resident today regarding sidewalks within the City and this resident also expressed concerns about the intersection of West Church Street and North Eighth Street. Safety Committee members requested the Police Department to increase patrol and monitoring of this intersection.

Mr. Moore inquired about the possibility of having the traffic light at the intersection of West Wyandot Avenue and Hazel Street be set operate only in the mornings and afternoons while children are walking to and from school, and it be set to flash at all other times. The history of requests for changes to this traffic light was shared. It was noted that this traffic light is currently set to flash from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. to allow semi-truck traffic to travel through the area without waking up residents.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk Aaron Korte, Chairperson