

SAFETY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Laura Alkire, Law Director.

SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – POLICE DIVISION

Police Chief Pat Jones requested approval of the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$32,942.40 with ProPhoenix for support and maintenance of the CAD system. Chief Jones explained that this is something they use every day, and they are in the initial stages of looking at a new system, but it is a long process. He said that ProPhoenix has committed to a 2% limit on the annual increase. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

REVIEW OF NOISE ORDINANCE

Mr. VanHoozen stated that the Law Director provided noise ordinances from other communities. Ms. Alkire said that this issue is two-fold, the noise issue and if we want to look at regulating false alarms. There was discussion regarding the challenges with measuring and enforcing the noise level, and with the causes of the false alarms throughout the City. The Committee requested that the Police Division provide more information regarding the false alarms. Ms. Born added that she would like to see Rossford and Bowling Green's ordinances also.

AMENDED BUDGET

Ms. Kabat reviewed the larger dollar items related to police and fire that are in the amended budget including a placeholder for an SRO at the Junior High, Lexipol software, two additional heart monitors for the Fire Division, a replacement medic unit, new car and body camera system for the Police Division, zone implementation for Fire Station 38 to remove carcinogens and contaminants, and structural repairs to Fire Station 38.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Alkire requested approval of legislation to dispose of two vehicles no longer needed by the police division. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

Ms. Alkire reported that the State Attorney General and Governor have requested a resolution of support for One Ohio which has pending litigation against pharmaceutical companies because of the opioid crisis. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the entire State of Ohio, and they have come up with a method to disperse to communities any proceeds that may be received from a settlement. Ms. Alkire said that she was not looking for a recommendation from the Committee because they had not had time to review, but she asked that it be placed on the Council agenda because the deadline is March 6th. Mr. VanHoozen asked that the information be sent to all Council members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman
Safety Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.