

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**JUNE 23, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry VanHoozen. Committee members present were Deborah Born and Barry VanHoozen. Jim Matuszak was absent. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Pat Jones, Chief of Police.

### **MAPLE STREET SPEED LIMIT CONCERNS**

Several residents of Maple Street were present to discuss their concerns with cars, boats, and trailers speeding back and forth to the boat docks. Tim Goligoski, 8 Maple Street, said that this has been an issue for 32 years and he comes here every five or so years, but nothing has ever been done. He requested that the City immediately have a traffic study completed by an outside firm, reduce the speed limit to 10 mph from Front to the river, consider a flashing sign when the speed is exceeded, and speed bumps. He also requested that the City cut them some slack and allow the Children at Play signs that many of the Maple Street residents purchased from Amazon to remain in the right of way. Sally Goligoski, Attorney Joe Westmeyer, Peter Demczuk of 3 Maple Street, John and Maya Fish of 5 Maple Street, Todd Friesner of 417 E. Front Street, Kari Hatfield of 345 E. Front Street, and Julie Briedenbeckcorp of 409 E. Front Street, were all in attendance to offer their support and their recommendations on how to correct this issue. Chief Jones shared the results of a speed survey that was done over the previous four days. The survey showed that there were 1042 vehicles with 97% of the southbound traffic at or below the posted speed of 25 mph, and 96% of the northbound traffic at 25 mph or less. Less than 1% of the vehicles travelled over 31 mph. Chief Jones said that he has had officers down there, and he will try to increase patrols in the area. Ms. Born asked if we could put up a speed trailer permanently. Chief Jones said that he wants to make sure that the signage we put up is effective. Ms. Kabat said that the speed limit sign that is missing from the southbound lane will be reinstalled. She said that the Administration is in favor of a third party traffic study, but would like to do it in the spring during peak walleye time. She explained that to lower the speed, a traffic study would need to be done, and we still have to follow the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. Mr. VanHoozen said that he understands the concerns over inaction, and he complimented the residents on doing their research and offering solutions. He said that in defense of delaying the traffic study, with the uncertainty of tax collections because of the pandemic, the Administration is looking at not spending money we don't have. Mr. VanHoozen added that he would be in favor of temporary, seasonal speed bumps if possible. He said that the Committee will continue to work with the Administration to see what can be done.

### **AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL**

Chief Jones said that over a year ago he started looking into police policies and how to manage them. He stated that with police reforms they need to stay ahead of the curve, and policies change as the ORC changes and as case law changes. Lexipol provides a solution to policy management and they serve over 500 agencies in Ohio. It is a six to

eight-month process in which they do a complete review of our current policies and procedures. Then as changes come about, the policies are updated. They are online and are interactive with training bulletins every day to keep officers informed and updated. It also tracks acknowledgements that the officers have received the policies. This is also a risk management tool for the City, and our insurance company recognizes Lexipol and will give us a discount the first three years we have the service. Chief Jones requested approval of a contract with Lexipol for \$34,258 for the first year which includes an implementation fee of \$21,400 and the first year of service. He said that there are funds available in the police training line item. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval.

#### PURCHASE OF NEW BODY AND IN CAR CAMERA SYSTEM

Chief Jones requested approval of a contract with Motorola Watch Guard for the purchase of a new body and in-car camera system in the amount of \$149,174. The cost includes cameras for five interview rooms, microphones, 13 in-car cameras, 24 body worn cameras, a server and storage for videos on site with redundancy, and a five year warranty on the server. He said that our current in-car system is antiquated, and we cannot add body worn cameras to it. He said the cameras provide transparency, and protection and accountability for the public and for our officers. He said the yearly cost which includes hardware and software updates is approximately \$20,000. Mr. VanHoozen asked if the current in-car cameras have any value, and Chief Jones said they do not because they are six years old. Mr. VanHoozen asked what happens if a camera is destroyed or lost. Chief Jones said that is included in the \$20,000 annual fee. Mark Weber, 836 Cherry Street, said that when he attended the Citizens' Police Academy there was a discussion about privacy when an officer enters someone's home. Chief Jones said that the State of Ohio revised their public records laws in April of 2019, and this system provides redaction software so we can adhere to the public records laws. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of this purchase.

#### REVIEW LOW SPEED/UNDER SPEED VEHICLES

Ms. Kabat distributed hand-outs of the Ohio Revised Code's motor vehicle definitions and the City Code regarding bicycles, electric bicycles and motorcycles. She said that there is no definition in the ORC for the type of scooter that Council member Kuhlman had asked about. Chief Jones said that House Bill 295 which deals with this type of definition is currently stalled in the Senate. He said that sometimes it's easier if we wait for the State to define it and then we can model our laws after the State's. Mr. VanHoozen recommended tabling this item.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. VanHoozen said that he received a text and an email over the weekend regarding Hood Park parking. Ms. Kabat said that she can have Mr. Dariano and Mr. Eckel work with the Public Service Department and Planning and Zoning to see how many parking spaces we can fit in. She said that it is an odd shaped piece of property and it is not

striped, so the first car in determines the parking. Ms. Born said that adding parking spaces is not a solution because it costs \$60,000 per parking space down there. She said that we should just police it because it's not meant for a lot of people to be down there. Ms. Kabat said that we are not adding parking spaces, we are taking the asphalt surface as it exists and striping it which would allow the Police Division to enforce it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry VanHoozen, Chairman  
Safety Committee

***Next meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.***