

Public Safety Committee Public Meeting/Hearing

February 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman Councilman Daniel Wagner

Present were:

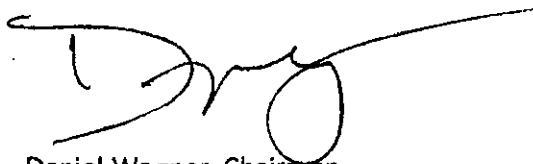
Councilman Daniel Wagner  
Councilwoman Caroline Eckel  
Fire Chief Josh Drouard  
Police Chief Glenn Goss.

- A. Fire Chief Josh Drouard presented language cleanup to municipal code section 139. Multiple sections had outdated language and was rewritten to reflect current policy.
- B. Committee revisited fire inspection fee. RFD currently does not charge for annual fire inspections. Of the 354 inspections completed so far this year, 215 sites had to be revisited due to failure of initial inspection. 20 required a third visit due to failing the second inspection. Committee felt a great deal of Department resources were being utilized on the re-inspections. Committee presented an inspection fee for having to return for re-inspection. Initial inspection will have no fee. Each trip to conduct a follow up inspection due to failing a prior visit will incur a \$50 incremental fee until the business passes inspection. Fees will reset each calendar year. Committee voted to place an ordinance in front of council.
- C. The Siren behind the high school was recently inspected. The motor is going bad and making loud clunking noise. Motor can't be repaired and replacement parts are not available. Siren was installed in 1990. Ballpark figure on replacement is \$25,000. Councilman Wagner suggested contacting Wood County Emergency Management to see if they may be able to assist with the replacement costs.
- D. LifePak EKG needs repair but parts are no longer available. Fire is budgeted to purchase one in 2017. They have a loaner from the manufacturer. Cost to replace is \$36,000. If not replaced. One of the squads will not have an EKG.

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- E. Committee discussed false alarm fees for both police and fire. Both police and fire are experiencing multiple visits to commercial business and residents for false fire and burglar alarms. Committee voted to establish a false alarm fee for both police and fire. First false alarm will result in no fine. Each subsequent visit to an address for a false alarm will result in a \$25 incremental fine. Fines will reset each calendar year. Committee voted 2 to 0 to place in front of council for a vote.
- F. Chief briefly discussed full time coverage utilizing part time people. Committee will continue researching the issue.
- G. Medic 30 was mounted is on budget and on schedule to be returned by the end of March.
- H. New businesses are not notifying the city so proper fire inspections can be conducted before opening to the public. Fire Chief has authority to close businesses who haven't submitted for inspection. Committee will look into method of making sure business owners are aware of requirement.
- I. Police Chief Glenn Goss discussed Safety Grant for firing range renovation. Each entity involved can receive 100K. Walbridge, Northwood, Lake Township and Perrysburg Township would be involved. Initial estimates are \$200 to \$300 thousand for the renovation costs which include replacing the ventilation system. The committee recommended a letter of support be approved by Council at the next meeting. Application has to be submitted by March 21, 2016.
- J. Chief Goss reported the roof is leaking in several spaces and needs repair.
- K. Chief Goss reported the most recent fire inspection required new exit lighting, installation of an electrical outlet in the booking room to eliminate an extension cord, exterior lighting to be replaced with LED lighting and batteries be replaced in all other emergency lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wagner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Wagner, Chairman