

Safety, Health, and Service

September 26, 2016

The Safety, Health, and Service committee met at 7:15 PM. The following committee members were present, Rob Maurer, Dean Holland, and Kelly Ricklic. Also in attendance were Mayor Day, Ron McAbier, Darrin Lautenschleger, John Zucal, Cheryl Ramos, Julie Courtright, Sam Hitchcock, Aimee May, Marvin Fete, Captain Joe Skinner, and Greg Popham.

The first item discussed was ordinance 15-2016 that authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ohio Dept of Transportation at no charge to inspect area bridges.

Service Director Ron McAbier explained that this is a housekeeping measure and is at no cost to the city. Kelly Ricklic asked how quickly we need to pass this and McAbier felt as soon as possible. The bridge inspections will take place in 2017. Ricklic felt we should add to the evenings agenda and pass as an emergency. John Zucal asked who picks up the tab for the inspections and McAbier said its paid for by the state.

A motion was made by Kelly Ricklic to add to the evenings agenda and pass as an emergency. Mr. Dean Holland seconded. Motion passed with all three voting in the affirmative.

The committee also heard from New Philadelphia Police Captain Joe Skinner asking that Council consider an additional fee to be added to disorderly conduct charges. He explained that we have a fee in place already for OMVI arrests.

The proposal requested that an ordinance be added that would mandate an additional \$50 fee on all summons issued under codified city ordinance 509.03 (Disorderly Conduct). This would take effect when an individual posts bond, is found guilty, or pleads no contest to the charge. A separate fund would be created for the collected monies and used for Electronic Restrained Devices currently the TASER X26.

Captain Skinner explained the fee would assist in the replacement, upkeep, and training of the department. He estimated the cost for the department in the neighborhood of \$10-12,000 per year. Maurer asked that Captain Skinner confer with the Law Director and bring back to the committee a proposal in the form of a resolution or ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM by Kelly Ricklic.

Sincerely,



Rob Maurer
Chair