

SERVICE-SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman John Kevern. Committee members present were John Kevern and Tom Mackin. Mike Olmstead arrived at 5:45 p.m. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and Service Director Jon Eckel.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Nathan Duricek, 302 E. Sixth Street, asked why the noise ordinance regarding motorcycles is not enforced. He said that he is tired of his neighbor's motorcycle waking him and his family up in the morning. He said it also happens at night sometimes. Mr. Duricek had sent an e-mail to City Council members and was invited to attend the committee meeting, but the e-mail was not forwarded to the administration. Ms. Kabat said she will discuss Mr. Duricek's concerns with the Law Director and Police Chief and will get back to him.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A STREET LIGHT ON SYCAMORE LANE

Jim and Louise Laine, 332 Sycamore Lane, requested that an additional street light be installed on Sycamore Lane. Ms. Kabat stated that after reviewing a Resolution approved by City Council in 2001 regarding street lights, and the past history in that area, it does not appear there is a necessity for an additional street light. Ms. Kabat distributed a report from the Police Division that showed there have been five criminal mischief/trespassing calls and five theft calls on Sycamore Lane in the past five years. In the last year, there have been no theft or damage calls to Sycamore Lane. Mrs. Laine stated that they do not benefit from the street lights at either end of the street. She said it is pitch black and their car has been entered at night but they did not report it because nothing was stolen. The Laines said that they think kids congregate and leave litter in the area. Mr. Eckel stated that the trees on that street are very thick so even if a light were installed, it would not do a lot of good. He said that the trees are not City trees, they are private, so the City cannot trim them. Mr. Laine said that with that type of tree if you cut a limb in the middle, the limb dies. Ms. Kabat asked if any of the neighbors leave outside lights on. Mr. Laine said he has asked his neighbor to leave his outside lights on and they leave their post light on, but only when they are awake. He said that they have seen, or have had a feeling, that there are people near their windows. Ms. Kabat asked if they called the police. Mr. Laine said they have not because they realize the police cannot camp out on their front porch.

Mr. Kevern suggested that this matter be referred back to the Administration to come up with a solution.

PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE 2013 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Brody Walters requested permission for the City to enter into two contracts for the 2013 Sidewalk Program. The contract with Utopia Construction is for \$38,169.55 and the contract with J Williams Concrete is \$36,535.50. The sidewalks to be repaired were

broken out geographically into two areas to allow the repairs to be completed this construction season. The homeowners will not be charged for these repairs. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contracts.

ORDINANCES REGARDING FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO JEFFERSON STREET BETWEEN WATERS EDGE AND STATE ROUTE 25

Ms. Kabat requested approval of two ordinances to allow the City to apply for and accept funding for improvements to Jefferson Street. The improvements include the resurfacing of the existing portion of Jefferson and the extension of Jefferson to Waters Edge. The first is through the Wood County Commissioners Critical Infrastructure program for \$300,000 and the second is from the Ohio Development Services Agency for \$250,000. These are the final two pieces of outside funding for this project. Mr. Kevern asked if there are any strings attached. Ms. Kabat said there are no strings, just some reporting requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kevern, Chairman
Service-Safety Committee

The next meeting date is Tuesday, October 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.