



**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 11, 2023, @ 5 P.M.**  
**City Hall - Board Room**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Present in the Board Room at City Hall were Alderman Joey Hobbs, Alderman Bellamy, Police Chief Sipe, Assistant Police Chief Floied, Fire Chief Chambers, Codes/Zoning Director Fiske, and Mayor Howard. Also attending, John Coffelt, Captain Chambers, and HR & Payroll Specialist Chris David. Alderman French was absent.

Chairman Hobbs called the meeting to order. No citizen comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Alderman Bellamy made a motion to approve the 8-28-23 Special Called Safety Committee minutes and Alderman Hobbs seconded the motion and the minutes passed 2-0.

**Codes Department:** Director Fiske discussed the quotes for the City Hall roof drain project and the 2 quotes that have been submitted. Director Fiske discussed the CPR City Hall training on October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and extending an invitation to the MCCC and BOMA. Director Fiske discussed AED devices and locations needed and the cost would be 1800 to 1900 each. A discussion ensued about where the money would come from. Chairman Hobbs stated this would be a one time buy and would come from the Capital Improvement line item in the budget, and maintenance cost would come from the department budgets. Mayor Howard discussed the training of operating the devices. Chief Chambers stated anyone that receives the CPR training would receive the AED training. Chairman Hobbs asked about how the discussion was going with Lisa regarding fees and asked if it would be finished by October. Director Fiske said October is doable. Director Fiske discussed current housing projects and new businesses.

**Police Department:** Chief Sipe discussed the MPD monthly department review (attached). Chief Sipe discussed interviews for new hires and they had offered jobs to 4. Chief Sipe discussed they are still one officer short, and Chairman Hobbs asked if that includes the new position they added when the BOMA approves that position, and Chief Sipe stated no. Chairman Hobbs asked about promotional interviews. Assistant Chief Floied discussed a grant for car cameras, body cameras, radios. Chief Sipe discussed Patrolman Chase Alford had been nominated for a 911 award. Chairman Hobbs asked about the speeding signs. Alderman Bellamy asked how Chief Sipe felt about putting on the patrol cars "in god we trust". Chief Sipe said he didn't have any objections in it. Alderman Bellamy made a motion to put the wording on the patrol cars and seconded by Chairman Hobbs approved 2-0. Chairman Hobbs asked Chief Chambers to come up and discuss the Halloween on the Square. Chief Chambers discussed how it was conducted last year. Chief Chambers discussed the MFD haunted house they do at Fire Hall 1. Chief Sipe discussed a run scheduled at Common Johns in October.

**Fire Department:** Chief Chambers discussed the MFD August report (attached). Chief Chambers discussed issues with the different fire trucks. Chief Chambers discussed a contract with Safe Industries for a new fire truck. Chairman Hobbs asked about if they select a certain brand. Chief

Chambers discussed they chose a brand that is close to what they currently have. Chief Chambers discussed repeaters. Chairman Hobbs discussed that the radios were to work everywhere. Chief Chambers discussed the issues with the Motorola radios. Chief Chambers discussed working with Scot St. John for the bid of the roof. A discussion ensued regarding the flooring for Fire Hall 2. Mayor Howard discussed the truck at station 2 and paying insurance on it that isn't in use. Chief Chambers discussed putting it on several sites including gov.deals. Alderman Bellamy discussed using it as backup. Mayor Howard discussed how the sale of the truck could help with cost of tires etc. Alderman Bellamy discussed how the truck runs and could be used for backup. Chairman Hobbs asked about the antique firetruck and Chief Chambers discussed having several retired firefighters to put the truck back together and would like to have it put back together by the Christmas Parade. Mayor Howard discussed getting started on the repairs at fire hall 2.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no other business to discuss, Chairman Hobbs made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Bellamy.

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**CHAIRMAN JOEY HOBBS 10-9-23**