SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 11th, 2011
5:30 P.M.

Council Committee Members: Chair Mark Masser, Matt Lampke, Jed Morison

Roll Call: Chair Mark Masser and Jed Morison. Matt Lampke, absent.

Others Present: Lou Chodosh, Bill Harvey, Ben Kessler, President McClelland, Chief Rinehart, Richard Sharp and Rick Weber.

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Report of Chief of Police: Chief Rinehart said the police testing will be held on October 25, 2011. He said it is a Civil Service test and there are approximately 60 applicants. He said October 22nd at noon is the cut off time to accept applications.

He reminded Council members of the CHOICES luncheon in October and said this event is their largest fund raiser. He thanked Mr. Kessler for hosting a table and said this fund raiser keeps the shelter operating.

Chief Rinehart said they have had the same number of calls this year as they had for the entire year last year. He said the number is 12,000 calls. He said it could be a result from the residents' being more proactive when seeing suspicious activity. He said there were overtime officers working during the weekend of Capital University's Homecoming events. He said between Capital's police force and the Mayor's Court, there is a zero tolerance policy. Capital has been contacting parents as well. He said there have been more arrest and citations this year than in the last previous 4 years.

As far as the Fraternity event Capital had been hosting in the past, the Capital police have been very busy trying to control the problems. Capital University will no longer be hosting this event in the future. This event caused a great deal of destruction and they were not even Capital students.

Mr. Sharp said College Avenue has been much quieter this year than in the past. He appreciates all the work both the Capital police and the Bexley police have done.

Mr. Harvey asked what the savings figure was having the Civil Service Commission handle the police testing process. Chief Rinehart said he did not know the exact figure off hand, but

it certainly is a substantial number. He said they had previously used a law firm and now with the Civil Service Commission handling the process; it runs much smoother and is more efficient.
Mr. Masser said he saw a golf cart operating in Bexley. Mr. Harvey said he saw one as well parked on the street near the high school. Mr. Chodosh said he saw one parked in a private lot. He said he is going to mention it to Dave Hays about warning drivers that are not legally parked. Mr. Sharp said he saw a golf cart driving on lawns.

Report of Mayor/Safety Director: No Report

Montrose Elementary School Zone – Mr. Masser said both he and the Mayor met with Kevin Brashear regarding marking the street and a flashing traffic light. Mr. Harvey said the Mayor is working on trying to get the funds to make those changes from the TIF improvement funds.

Mr. Kessler said while the commission is discussing the use of funds, they do not have the authority to actually disburse the funds. Mr. Harvey said Mayor Brennan did ask Mr. Langner to look into that possibility.

Mr. Masser said in the meantime, he would like to have the crosswalk properly marked and painted on the street. It should have the same markings on the street as Maryland Elementary.

Adjourned – 5:45 p.m.