CITY OF PICKERINGTON

SAFETY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:15 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

3. POLICE

   A. Chief's Report

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

   A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

   B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

6. CHAIRMAN

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

Draft Safety Minutes 2024-12-04

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Rohaly called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Rohaly; Mrs. Sanders; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Kemper

Others Present: Mayor Gray; Greg Butcher; Chief Cheney; Heather Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. Kemper **to approve**, **seconded by** Mrs. Hicks

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Sanders

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3. POLICE

A. Chief's Report

Chief Cheney stated he would answer any questions regarding his written report. Mrs. Rohaly noted that the 911 calls have decreased in 2024. Chief Cheney stated that overall the 911 calls have decreased, but the number provided does not include the text to 911 calls.

Mr. Kemper noted that the non-injury accidents and total reports have increased by four to five percent and inquired if that was to be expected with an increase in population. Chief Cheney stated that unless we have a slow December, we will probably end up with a five to six percent increase over last year, which is normal.

Mr. Kemper noted that the total traffic charges have increased over last year and inquired if that was due to increased police enforcement. Chief Cheney stated last year we were down three officers for most of the year due to a few retirements, so the addition of three officers in 2024 and the increased enforcement has contributed to the increase in total traffic charges.

Mr. Kemper inquired if there were any statistics on the suicide threat calls. Chief Cheney stated that the suicide threat calls have come down to pre-covid levels. He continued that overdoses

are also down, which is consistent across the state. Mr. Kemper inquired how often the officers encounter fentanyl. Chief Cheney stated that it has decreased, but the officers do carry narcan. He continued that the total criminal charges encompass drug-related charges as well as petty theft and other things. Mrs. Sanders noted that she has observed police officers at Kohls on multiple occasions. Chief Cheney stated that the loss prevention at Kohls has definitely picked up.

Mr. Kemper inquired if there was any progress with the investigation into the fire at the Victory Park men's restroom. Chief Cheney stated that they have scoured through the surveillance videos but have not had any luck.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

5. PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Parks & Recreation Director Report

There was no discussion.

B. Parks Board Representative Report (Mr. Kemper)

Mr. Kemper stated he did not have anything to add beyond what was in Mrs. Medinger's staff report but would answer any questions. Mrs. Rohaly stated she was going to ask about the fire at Victory Park as well. Mr. Kemper questioned if we need to consider putting cameras above the doors to the restrooms. Chief Cheney stated that we have good cameras on the restroom, and you can see people going in and out. He continued that he thinks that the issue is that it took a while for the fire to build up and so it was hard to determine from the number of people going in and out of the restroom when and who started the fire. Mr. Kemper inquired if we could place smoke detectors in the restrooms that are linked to the fire department or police station. Chief Cheney stated it would have to be tamperproof. Mr. Butcher stated he would look into it.

Mrs. Rohaly stated that the tree lighting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th and welcomed all to attend.

6. CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Rohaly stated she had nothing to bring forward.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Rohaly **to adjourn**, **seconded by** Mrs. Sanders

Yes: Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Rohaly

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The Safety Committee adjourned at 7:11 P.M., December 4, 2024.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Heather Moore, City Clerk