

**CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE**  
**Service, Safety and Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**March 9, 2022**

The Service, Safety and Recreation Committee met in the Council Chambers, located at 105 N. Main Street, on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Ted Hawk presided and those in attendance were; Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Council Member, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Council Member, Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Chairperson, Mr. Ron Sockman, Service Director, Mr. Jeff Funari, Police Chief, Mr. Tim Downing, Fire Chief, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, and Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney.

1. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Fire Department. Chief Downing noted an increase in fire calls.
2. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Police Department. Chief Funari noted recent arrests within the community.
3. Chief Funari expressed his concern regarding higher gas prices having a negative impact on the Police Department's budget.
4. The Committee discussed safety concerns in some portions of the recreational areas within the city.
5. The Committee inquired about the use of motorized electrical vehicles on public streets and sidewalks. The Committee recommended that a review of the issue be completed and advised at the next meeting.
6. The Administration advised the Committee of a speeding concern on Glenn Avenue. The Administration will proceed to place the mobile speed sign at the intersection of Glenn Avenue and Tiara Way.
7. The Administration noted request to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) regarding stocking local ponds owned by the City. The Committee recommended further discussions continue before entering into an agreement.
8. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council accepting the bid not to exceed \$280,000.00 from Best Equipment for the purchase of a Tymco Modell 600 Street Sweeper.

9. The Administration advised the Committee of concerns related to the use of ball fields. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed to charge a deposit fee of \$200.00 for the use of the softball fields to help encourage better maintenance of the ballfields after use.

10. The Administration advised the Committee that due to supply issues, there was a delay receiving two trucks from the 2021. The Administration requested permission to proceed with state bid for the 2022 year. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed to keep the purchase of two trucks and one transit vehicle from a local company and proceed the 2022 bid for the additional trucks needed.

11. The Administration advised the Committee that the transition of ownership of the golf course was progressing. The Committee noted copies of two lease agreements would be completed. One from Parks and Recreation Committee to Community Improvement Corporation and another from Community Improvement Corporation to Fayette County Golf LLC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Ted Hawk- Chairperson, Service, Safety and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary