

CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE
Service, Safety and Recreation Committee Minutes
February 12, 2025

The Service, Safety and Recreation Committee met in the Council Chambers, located at 105 N. Main Street, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Mr. Ted Hawk presided and those in attendance were: Mr. Jim Chrisman, Council Member, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Council Member, Mrs. Sylvia Call, Council Member, Mr. Dale Lynch Council Chairperson, Mr. Gary Dean, Service Director, Mr. Tim Downing Fire Chief, Mr. Jeff Funari, Police Chief, Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney, and Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager.

1. The Committee benefited from a report by the Fire Department.
2. Chief Funari addressed the Committee and noted a successful search warrant related to drug matters.
3. Chief Funari noted that the most recent hire for patrol was currently attending the Ohio State Patrol Academy.
4. The Committee benefited from a report on the status of various service projects within the community.
5. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed to bid lawn mowers for use at the cemetery.
6. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed to bid for the street and alley paving program.
7. The Administration noted that the city had been awarded the OPWC Grant for Market Street project in the amount of \$213,000.000. The Committee noted that the grant was a 90%/10% split.
8. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council permitting the Administration to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the salt program for the 2026 year.
9. The Administration noted roadwork would be completed on State Route 35 and Dayton Avenue with the Fayette County Engineer. The Committee noted the City's portion is relatively small at \$7,500.00.

10. The Committee noted storm sewer work on Market Street to replace the collapsed line ahead of paving.
11. The Administration noted the upcoming removal of the island and tree in the center of the cul-de-sac on Hali Drive.
12. The Committee recommended that permission be granted to extend the contract agreement with EMH&T for Engineering Services.
13. The Administration noted paving work would be completed on Andrick Drive by Quality Paving not to exceed \$29,620.00. The purpose being to match the pavement between the old section of the street and the new section of the street.
14. The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed to purchase a new lift truck for the Street Department not to exceed \$58,020.00.
15. The Administration advised the Committee that bids were being taken for the removal and planting of trees through the Tree Grant Program.
16. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council recommending the following appointments: Mr. Keith Eckles to the City Planning Commission, Mr. Kirk Wilson and Scot Dallmeyer to the Historic District Review Board, Mr. Ron Sockman to the Travel and Tourism Board. The Administration noted board replacements that were needed for the Revolving Loan Fund Board. Mr. Blair expressed a desire that the appointment of Keith Eckles to the Historic District Review Board be given further thought.
17. The Committee discussed Capital Improvement Issues and reviewed the proposed legislation.
18. The Committee recommended that the Administration grant Andy Wolfe permission to oversee the Eyman Park Ballfield for the 2025 season.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary