

City of Manchester  
Safety Committee Meeting  
October 5, 2016

**Call the Meeting to Order:**

Vice Mayor French called the meeting to order. The members of the Safety Committee voted Vice Mayor French as Chairman of the Safety Committee. Present for the meeting were Chairman French, Alderman Sain, Alderman Elam, Codes Director Sain, Investigator Jackie Matheny, Fire Chief Chambers, and other guest.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Alderman Sain made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes Dated September 7, 2016. The motion carried and passed.

**Fire Department:**

Chief Chambers gave the department's activity monthly report for the month. He further gave information regarding a car fire, mulch fire, combine fire on Riddle Road, tires were set on fire by Spring Street and an illegal fire burn on Ragsdale Road; briefly discussed the assistance with a fatal accidental; advised of training classes; community safety training. He stated that the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> of this month will be live fire burn training in the vicinity of Stacy Ann Mobile Park and there will also be live fire burn training in Murfreesboro. He stated that a 2005, F350 Truck, in Ohio with a starting bid of \$2,500 and he wanted to bid \$5,000 maximum to replace the little Ford Ranger. Chairman French made a motion to approve the bidding for the purchase up to \$5,000. Alderman Sain second the motion and the motion carried and passed.

**Codes Department:**

Director Sain stated there were a few fender bender incidents and some medical accidents this past month. He further stated that OSCHA will be here Monday and he has notified the department heads. He stated he will be following through with his inspections he completed a couple of months ago to ensure issues he identified has been corrected. Codes has issued 35 permits in a month- which is substantial, he anticipates 4 subdivisions coming forth this winter, and Inspector Clark received his Storm Water Certification (TDEC) last week (he gave favorable comments about Inspector Clark's performance). He stated the department will be working on the storm water MS4 plan.

**Police Department:**

Investigator Jackie Matheny stated he was attending the meeting for Police Chief Yother from the Police Dept. He stated the department hired Andy NeeSmith as a police officer from Coffee County Sheriff Office. He stated the police department ordered a used Dodge Charger, 50 thousand miles, \$13,900 from Missouri Highway Patrol. Sold several seized vehicles on GovDeals. He further stated they had issues with the evidence room; he is now responsible taking inventory/audit of all products in the room. There was discussion for the Board to look into finding more room in the future to store evidence. He further stated that the DA is going to start making the police dept. keep evidence for a longer periods of time even if a case is closed. Daniel Ray received officer for Officer of the Year from the Police

Department and Captain Vandergrift is receiving an award from Old Timers Day for the longest acting Police Officer. He gave the police department monthly report. He further stated that there was an accident at Westwood Middle School that injured a 6 year old- broke her leg at Woodrow and Taylor toward Oakdale Street. He stated he was advised the student was standing behind a sign darted across the crosswalk and the motorist stated they didn't see her behind the sign and no time to stop before hitting her. He stated he would like the speed lower from 30 to 20 mph. Chairman French made a motion to lower the speed limit on Oakdale and Taylor Streets to 20 mph. Alderman Sain second the motion and the motion carried and passed. Fire Chief Chambers and the committee further discussed other areas around the city (Exit 111) as well as other for signs and speed limits.

**New Business:**

Chairman French stated that he wanted to discuss with other Aldermen to possibly see what issues there are with properties in the City and how the City can implement Code requirements. He has been contacted about issues other than tall grass and weeds (i.e., stuff piled on carports, etc.). There was further discussion regarding the procedures for code violations. He stated they may need to discuss further with Attorney Ewell. They discussed the block grant that is available and a block that has owners living in the homes.

**Old Business:**

Chairman French stated there was discussion with the water department about the 911 signs. Chief Chambers stated that he will discuss it with the water department. Chairman French stated for the new committee members – those were placement address signs from 911 – little plastic marker -on the roadways to make it easier to find residence and businesses which would be an extra dollar on the water bill.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further business to discuss Chairman French adjourned the meeting.