

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 14, 2000

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

Sherie James-Arnold

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Robert O. Keyes, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Jim McGregor
City Attorney Tom Weber
Chief of Police Dennis Murphy
Police Officer Mike Apple
Director of Finance Jerry Isler
Clerk of Council Peg Cunningham

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan, Michael O'Brien and Sherie James-Arnold

PENDING LEGISLATION:**ORD-0004-2000**

TO AMEND SECTION 339.99, PENALTY, OF CHAPTER 339, COMMERCIAL AND HEAVY VEHICLES, AND TO ENACT SECTION 339.12, VIOLATION OF OHIO REVISED CODE AND PUCO RULES, COMMERCIAL AND HEAVY VEHICLES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Tom Weber said this legislation had been postponed due to the submission of letter from Attorney John Browning. Mike Apple answered questions very well that Mr. Browning had. Weber continued that the State gives them a permit to go to a certain area--gives them preferred street; that is still a part of the overall State permit. City is not authorized to give permits. Weber had communicated with Officer Apple; said there are some questions. City cannot issue their own permits. Weber said this legislation just gives the City authorization to take advantage of the State code.

James-Arnold said she wants to make sure our law is in compliance with State code. Felt this legislation would allow us to stop them if they are using bungee chords. Said the second issue was with the truck; said it is her understanding that not all those fines came from weight with Crane company. Weber said we have responded and felt the client knew he was wrong. There does not seem to be any other response; said when we get into the purchase of the truck, the fines are not all tied to weight; are tied to State statute. Chief assured this proposed legislation is not for revenue; said you can look at fines from other cities; said it is the damage that is being done to the road; that is where the enforcement is coming from. James-Arnold said if we are stopping them for other things, will have to see cost justification; if we can cite them for bungee chords, then there is the question as far as cost justification for the weight.; felt if we can stop them for other things, the weight is going to be a part of that; will be other things; felt we needed to look at costs before equipment.

Apple said they discussed notification-- talking to contractors. Noted a procedure they had borrowed from Westerville; says what the trucks should have; wages that we will charge for special duty. James-Arnold suggested also talking people that make deliveries. Apple said there would be a policy and procedure packet that the City will give to companies.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent**ORD-0015-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AVATAR GROUP, ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR CERTAIN HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES TO COMPLETE POLICE TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION FOR THE GAHANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Chief said that Director of Finance Isler wants bids for the lap tops; had said letterhead quotes would be satisfactory. Metro Telecom did this first phase installation, will do the second phase; said they had gone to seminars on how you save time and said we are

ahead of other areas; we have begun one cruiser and want to get it up and running; as soon as you get one up and running; can then proceed with the others; we want to see one work. James-Arnold questioned why emergency. Chief reminded that the base computer, the modems and 3 lap tops are here; said this is the software; want to keep as emergency. Will be back with information on laptop bids.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES

Fences

James-Arnold said she has had calls on hot tubs, in back yards, no railing, no lock down; had been told a child could crawl into a hot tub. Questioned if we should be looking at something on hot tubs. Hogan suggested neighbor talking to neighbor to ask them to lock their tubs. Mayor said a child could drown in a bucket. Mayor noted plastic bags are dangerous.

Sexual Predators

Flyers had been left in mailboxes of a Sexual Predator presently staying with relatives on James Road. Chief explained that there had been public notification from the school under decision of Dale Foor and Superintendent Morris. Said the police department has 3 classes of Predator: Sexual Predator requires community notification; habitual offender can be notification and non notification; sexually oriented means no notification. Said if Class A, police department notifies schools and day care centers; said they also have a pin map on location. Police has a communications group working the neighborhood. Said the flyers in mail boxes were from concerned community members.