

## CIRCLEVILLE SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES 3/3/2025

Circleville Safety Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Members present: Chair Jeff Hallinin, Committee Members Tom Klitzka, Katie Hedges, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Other Council Members present: President Barry Keller and John Moats. Invited Guest Present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, and Chief of Police Kenny Fisher.

Hallinin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Hedges motioned to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024. Seconded by Klitzka. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

a) AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OPIOID FUNDS TO THE CIRCLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**DISCUSSION:** Chief Fisher is asking for \$212,000 for the Circleville Police Department. Chief Fisher would like to use \$10,000 for a police canine, \$45,930 for a police canine vehicle, and \$26,790 for upfitting the police canine vehicle, and \$129,280 for the Police Department property/evidence room rebuild/expansion.

**MOTION-VOTE-ROLL CALL:**

Klitzka motioned to forward the Ordinance to the next Council meeting on March 4, 2025, with a recommendation for adoption. Hedges seconded. Roll call (3 Yeas- 0 Nays). Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

a) Safety Director update from Mayor Michelle Blanton.  
Mayor Blanton stated in the past 14 months the City has had two Safety Directors and herself serve as the Acting Safety Director. The position is regulated by O.R.C. 737 and the City's local codified ordinances. In the past the position has been both part-time and full-time. Mayor Blanton said she has talked to a couple of people about the position and is waiting for the additional information they have requested. Blanton is considering former Police Officers to fill the position. Blanton stated she is welcoming feedback from Council on filling the position full-time or part-time and what duties the role will serve.

Klitzka motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Seconded by Hedges. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.