

MINUTES
WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 9, 2021
8:15 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Brian Dellemann called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM

Members Present: Brian Dellemann, Ross Blaha, Jeff Dawson, Jamie Jackson, Scott Duessing, Steven Denzien, Ben Meinnert, Steve Pagels, Terry Vosters, Lisa Kuehn, Dee Dee Dirkmann, and Patrick Murphy – MEUW Safety Coordinator

Members Absent: Dave Buss, Brian Kohlmeier, Jared Rohrer, Dave Casebeer, and James McDonald

Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Ben to accept the August 12, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Remind employees the importance of Near Miss reporting procedures.
- All staff was required to attend Fire Safety training. The Electric Department participated in Forklift Recertification. All training sessions went well.

Incident/Near Miss Reporting:

- No incidents to report.
- Patrick provided an example of an incident from another city in which a Parks & Recreation employee was painting a transformer to help beautify the city. The employee disturbed a beehive and was stung several times.
 - Remind employees that only Electric Department employees should be near lines and transformers.
 - Carry wasp spray in vehicles whenever possible.

Inspection Reporting:

- No inspections took place since the last meeting.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to have an inspection this month.

Training:

- September 20th – Vehicle Operations & Inspections (7:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. @ Electric Department) ***FIELD EMPLOYEES***

New Business:

- The City is in dire need of crossing guards. A large part of the problem is that parents are not following the pickup schedules causing both traffic and pedestrian issues. Please spread the word to anyone who might be willing to help.
- Inform employees to be on the lookout for “Auditors” in the area. These individuals will film you and try to coerce you into confrontations to post to their social media pages to increase their following account. They may also be trying to lure you into situations in which they may bring a lawsuit against you or The City.
 - If confronted by an Auditor “Less is More” is the best strategy. If you don’t engage them, they will likely lose interest and leave.
- Increased security throughout departments was discussed to avoid unwanted situations. Possible new measures include signage, security cameras, and additional FOB’s.
 - Each department should do a site assessment to identify any vulnerabilities that should be addressed.

Monthly Safety Theme: Mental Health

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff and seconded by ben. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Dellemann