



Public Safety Committee Minutes
June 9, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on June 9, 2004. Call to order 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True*, Boone
Members Not Present: Reckamp, Bequette, Bennett, Horton
Staff Liaison: Capt. Scott Battoe
Other Aldermen Present: Allen Medford, John West, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Jean Bevington (OPD)
Media Persons Present: Tiffany Garner, Journal; Georgia Hillyer, Progress
*Quorum not present announced by Chairman True

Chairman True announced that the March 10, 2004, April 14, 2004, May 12, 2004, and June 9, 2004, meeting minutes would be approved at the July 14, 2004, Meeting.

Old Business

Item 1. Warning System Coverage – No Report. Alderman Medford questioned the sound for an all-clear signal. The consensus of the Committee present indicated that no all-clear signal was available.

Action: Brent Saunders to get an update on the Warning System Bids and status of this project from Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, for the next meeting. Capt. Battoe to research the sound warning for all-clear signal.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Speed Limit Signs – Capt. Battoe presented to the Aldermen sample signs of the winning artwork for the 25 MPH Speed Limit Signs. The Aldermen indicted that a good job was done by the school and students involved and to proceed with the purchase and placement of these signs. They also suggested that the students involved get photo recognition.

Action: Signs to be made and placed into the neighborhood of the schools that entered into this project.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Study on Dangerous Intersections And Traffic Safety and Signs Issues – No Report

Action: Chief Betten, City Engineer and Public Works reviewing the recommendation provided on the list.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 4. Removal of Unregistered Vehicles – Capt. Battoe provided the Committee and Aldermen present a handout with copies of ordinances from other communities involving the parking of unregistered vehicles in yards or fields, on a grass driveway, on a paved driveway, or on the street. No Ordinance exists regarding these restrictions. The Aldermen will review the information given to them and they will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Action: Alderman True to get a copy of this report to the other members of the Committee not present.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

Item 5. Old Collinsville Road South (Road Jurisdiction) – Capt. Battoe provided a copy of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cities of O’Fallon and Fairview Heights involving a portion of Old Collinsville Road south of US Hwy 50 (copy attached). This Agreement, drafted by Attorney Funk, only involves a police jurisdiction to be shared between O’Fallon and Fairview Heights.

Action: Chairman True to distribute copies to the Council

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

Item 6. Road Blocks – Alderman True wanted to bring back to the Committee the Road Block issue. Alderman Drolet provided some information regarding how many road blocks we had in 2003 and 2004. Approximately nine Road Blocks were held in 2003, as of this date for this year there were three. Issues that concerned Aldermen present were that all Road Blocks are a safety concern, do City organizations benefit from them, Road Blocks are only held in one Ward, and what is the status of the Pontoon Beach law suit involving a Road Block? After careful discussion, the consensus of the Aldermen present was to recommend to the Council to drop all the Road Blocks and have organizations raise money doing other projects that does not jeopardize the City with safety issues.

Action: Chairman True to make a recommendation to Council to drop all Road Blocks.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

New Business

Issue 1. Motorcycles in Parades – Chairman True reviewed the information that he had gathered regarding the recent mishap involving a motorcycle in the Mayfest Parade. All Aldermen were in agreement that safety comes first before carnivals, exhibitions, walks and parades proceed in the City. To ensure this

procedure, a recommendation was made to revise the Special Events Permit to insure some type of insurance is issued on all motorized vehicles—including floats—to participate in the Parade, attend some type of safety briefing before beginning in a Parade, walk or other event and not allow the throwing of candy from vehicles in Parades. Candy could be handed out to the children by walking along the curb.

Action: Chairman True felt all the above recommendations were good ones and wanted to include the suggestions of members to the Committee not present for this meeting.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Halloween – Alderman West brought to the Committee’s attention that Halloween would be on a Sunday this year and questioned whether the City would change the date for “trick or treating” to the Saturday before. After discussion, it was decided to leave Halloween on October 31. Most events would be taking place on Saturday anyway and parents would be monitoring their children’s activities.

Action: None

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

No Motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting Suspended:	7:10 p.m.
Next Meeting:	July 14, 2004
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington