



Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 14, 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 July 14, 2004. Call to order 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Boone, Horton, Medford
Members Not Present: Reckamp, Bennett,
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Jerry Albrecht
Other Persons Present: Brent Saunders (OFD); Jean Bevington (OPD)
Representatives (three) from the VFW; One
Representative from the Moose
Media Persons Present: None

Alderman Horton made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated March 10, 2004, April 14, 2004, May 12, 2004 and June 9, 2004, minutes as presented and Alderman Boone seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Warning System Coverage – Chief Saunders presented the Committee with a handout on the “New Siren Locations” (copy attached). The location sheet was reviewed and a suggestion was made to move the Siren on Site 6 to the Park & Ride Lot on Air Mobility Drive. The Committee was in agreement to proceed with the new Siren locations and requested the project be returned to the Committee before purchasing any land. The figures on these purchases will come from Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer. It was established that an “all-clear signal” is not sounded for fear it would confuse residents of another storm approaching.

Action: Brent Saunders to get an update from Engineering on the placement of the new siren locations on the previous map presented to the Committee.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Study on Dangerous Intersections And Traffic Safety and Signs Issues – No Report

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

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. Removal of Unregistered Vehicles – No Report.**Action:** Committee to review ordinances.**MOTION: None****Disposition: Pending**

Item 4. Old Collinsville Road South (Road Jurisdiction) – Chief Betten provided a copy of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cities of O’Fallon and Fairview Hgts. 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 Hgts.

Action: Recommendation Agreement to be presented to Council.**MOTION: None****Disposition: Closed**

Item 5. Road Blocks – Alderman True recognized the residents representing the VFW and the Moose and gave them the opportunity to express their concerns regarding the elimination of the “Road Blocks.” The representatives informed the Committee that their organizations depend on the income from these road blocks to support their charitable activities. Alderman True recognized the down side to eliminating these events but felt the City’s liability warranted this decision.

Action: Chairman True to make a recommendation to Council to continue with the Second Reading. All ayes.**MOTION: None****Disposition: Closed**

Item 6. Motorcycles in Parades – Chief Betten provided a handout of an Ordinance from the Village of North Aurora. The “Parade Permit Application” was reviewed by the Committee and several suggestions were selected from the ordinance which will require more research. Chief Betten to check with the City’s Insurance Carrier, Dave Witter, to inquire if the blanket insurance policy the City carries provides for parades. The Committee will review North Aurora’s Ordinance and make revisions for possible adaptation.

Action: Chairman True to hold this issue for next meeting for more review.**MOTION: None****Disposition: Open****New Business**

Item 1. EK School Left Turn Sign – Chief Betten informed the Committee of a no left turn sign on the right-hand side of the driveway entering EK School going North on Smiley. This sign is not included in the City Ordinances. The Chief would like the Committee to recommend to the Council to add this sign to the Signage Ordinance.

Action: Committee to recommend to Council to place no left turn by EK School drive way in Ordinance.**MOTION: Motion to Recommend to Council to place no left turn sign in City Ordinance and make it a legal sign was made by Alderman Boone and seconded by Alderman Horton. All ayes.****Disposition: Closed**

Item 2. Roadway Obstructions – Chief Betten brought to the attention of the Committee the predicament of the basketball hoops. Basketball hoops are being placed into the easement on the sidewalk which allows the net part of the hoop to face the street and, consequently, hang into the street. This causes problems for City workers when they clean the streets, children playing in the streets, large vehicles trying to go around these hoops without damage to the hoop or the vehicle, etc. Some residents actually place the hoops in the street cul-de-sacs. Chief Betten requested the Committee to place the restriction of Basketball Hoops in an Ordinance. He will survey the IACP Network for similar ordinances and bring to the Committee for review.

Action: Chief to check for similar ordinances.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

Item 3. Meeting Conflicts – Chairman True has a conflicting meeting date in his schedule. He surveyed the Committee for another date that the Safety Meeting could be switched but found Committee members had their scheduling arranged around this meeting. Alderman Boone offered to Chair the Committee. Chairman True to check with the Mayor before any changes are made.

Action: Alderman True to contact Mayor Graham

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Medford and seconded by Alderman Horton.

Meeting Adjourned:	7:43 p.m.
Next Meeting:	August 11, 2004
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington