

**Public Works Committee
Minutes
6:30 P.M. July 22, 2004**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Works Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on July 22, 2004. CALL TO ORDER: Time: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, Drolet; West; Absent: Renner, True
STAFF LIAISON: Sullivan
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: None
GUESTS: Scott Williams

Approval of the minutes from July 8, 2004.

- Item 1. **POI:** Traffic Calming Options Fairwood Hills Road – No Action. (Open)
- Item 2. **AI:** Public Safety Building Green Space Grading – Staff presented a proposal from Rhutasel and Associates for surveying and engineering to grade the green space (17.4 acres) adjacent to the new Public Safety building, install culverts and create a wet stormwater detention pond with aerator/fountain. Rhutasel previously provided a plan for the grading of the north half of the area; however, the need for the detention pond in that area is a change that needs to be addressed along with grading of the southern area. (Closed)
- Motion: Recommend contracting with Rhutasel for the grading and improvements to the green space area.
- Item 3. **POI:** Moose Lodge Signs – Staff communicated the request by the O'Fallon/ Fairview Heights Moose Lodge to place "Protect Our Children" signs at the east and west ends of Hwy 50 in O'Fallon and at Community Park. The committee members expressed a desire to see the proposed 18" x 24" signs, and commented that while the sign's purpose is admirable, it may set a precedent that will cause a proliferation of signs along our streets. Staff will ask the lodge to consider spearheading an effort to establish a single point for displaying all fraternal organization signs. (Open)
- Item 4. **POI:** Warning Sirens – Staff communicated the draft plan for location of the sirens as proposed by a consultant to the O'Fallon Fire Department. The plan calls for the installation of six additional siren. The current budget for siren installation, however, does not seem sufficient to support that at this time. Staff will attempt to contract for the installation of at least three, considering the Moye School, Borchers Lane/Scott-Troy intersection, Route 158 IDOT Salt Dome, and Misty Valley Lift Station sites the higher priorities of the six proposed at this time. (Closed)

POI: Point of Information
AI: Action Item

- Item 5. **POI:** Central School District #104 Delmar Avenue Improvements – Staff presented a letter by a consultant to the school district outlining engineering cost for proposed improvements at the school and on Delmar Avenue to improve school bus traffic in the area. The district wants the City to contribute to the costs. The committee requested that the issue be examined further at the next scheduled meeting of the committee to allow the school's superintendent to brief the committee on the improvements and provide a sketch of the proposed work. (Open)
- Item 6. **POI:** Engle Creek Floodplain Mapping – Staff presented the interim report from Hoelscher Engineering on the progress to date on the review of the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) FIRM (Federal Insurance Rate Maps) maps that were recently published. The maps have a major error in the vicinity of the intersection at Lincoln and Fairwood Hills Drive. As a result of this error, there are many residents of this and areas to the south that may be charged for flood insurance when they really have no need for it. Hoelscher recommends that a LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) be executed to relieve a large number of these residents from having flood insurance. Beyond that LOMAs (Letter of Map Amendments) will need to be processed for the individual residents affected by the recent FEMA mapping. (Closed)
- Item 7. **POI:** Hill Top Drive - Staff presented a Complaint filed by the residents of Hill Top Drive and the Township Highway Commissioner in Circuit Court against the City for lack of maintenance to the road. (Closed)
- Item 8. **POI:** 1329 Illini Flooding – Staff presented a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request by Mary Williams for information regarding 1329 Illini. Scott Williams was present at the meeting and described the flooding his property was subject to during recent rainfall. Staff was directed to seek a proposal from a consultant to determine alternatives to address the flooding problem. (Closed)
- Item 9. **POI:** Elisabeth Street Flooding – Staff presented a picture taken on Elisabeth in the Fairwood Hills Subdivision, 7/5/04. Water over the road in that location was about 2' in depth. No property damage was reported during the event or along the drainage path. (Closed)
- Item 10. **POI:** Lee & Howard Drainage Ditch – Staff discussed the recent problems with the ditch and the appearance of a white substance in the stormwater there. Black & Veatch has provided the City with an estimate of cost to remediate some of the problems with the ditch and flooding of the

intersection at Estate and Lee. The price tag on that repair is \$113,900; part of the total \$2,938,200 provided for 10 representative problems in the City. (Closed)

- Item 11. Transportation Plan – Staff quickly updated the committee on the preliminary recommendations of the consultants for improvements to the road infrastructure northwest of the City in anticipation of the growth in that area. The consultants will be briefing the entire Council on 8/2/04. (Closed)

Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2004 at 6:30 P.M at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M. PREPARED BY: Sullivan