

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 7, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who led the "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag".

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, called the roll: David Horton, present; Nila Grogan, present; Ed True, excused; Becky Henry, present; Rick Reckamp, present; Jerry Mouser, present; Tom Bequette, present; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present (arrived at 7:06); Dennis Renner, present; Jason Boone, excused; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve the minutes of the August 16th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Graham opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. and called three times for public input regarding the Special Service Area #3, Central Park Plaza #1. No one came forward. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**RESIDENTS:** No one came forward.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk:** Phil Goodwin announced the following requests:

1. Request from St. Clare Church to conduct a raffle from August – September 25, 2004 and permission to sell alcohol during the Oktoberfest event on September 25, 2004.
2. Request from O'Fallon Knights of Columbus to conduct a raffle from August 2004 – October 31, 2004.
3. Request from Dania Shrine Club to conduct a roadblock on Friday, September 10, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the intersections of State/Smiley and State/Lincoln.
4. Request from the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus to conduct a roadblock on Friday, September 17, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., as well as 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the

intersections of State/Lincoln and State/Smiley. Motion made by D. Renner and seconded by J. Mouser to approve the requests, except the roadblock requests are contingent upon the necessary paperwork being submitted. All were in favor with the exception of N. Drolet and A. Medford who opposed the roadblocks being conducted at both intersections. Motion carried.

City Clerk Goodwin announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals for September 28, 2004 has been cancelled.

**Mayor:** Mayor Graham announced that the reappointments to the Historic Preservation Committee are Julie Spengler and Brian Keller. Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by N. Grogan to accept the reappointments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham thanked Hinchcliffe Elementary School for the Happy Birthday cards that he received for the Sesquicentennial celebration. He was glad that they enjoyed the events in the park.

## RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve Item #1 – a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Vacation of Drainage Easement. The Mayor stated that those in favor say “aye” and those opposed say “no”. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve Item #2 – a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with AFSCME Local 2817 covering rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment for members of said union employed by the City of O'Fallon. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

## ORDINANCES

### 1<sup>st</sup> Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by A. Medford to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Item #3 - an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory, Savannah Hills containing approximately 135.19 Acres. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Item #4 - an Ordinance Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, Planned Use Development known as "The Ginger Shop". **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Item #5 - an Ordinance Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, Planned Use Development known as "Candlewood Suites".

R. Reckamp stated that he agreed with the staff recommendation that a sidewalk should be constructed so people could walk to Park Plaza Drive safely, even though it is not in our ordinance. The sidewalk would serve as a convenience and safety item to our residents and visitors.

J. Mouser sited that the developer stated that hotels do not usually provide sidewalks. Mayor Graham said that in some cases sidewalks are needed. J. Mouser stated that the sidewalk would come out from the side of the building. T. Shekell agreed that the sidewalk would be a convenience to the public. D. Horton stated that it was a non-issue and D. Renner agreed. A. Medford said that it was an extended stay type facility, and he was concerned that families staying there would need added security while walking to the movies or restaurants. M. Bennett questioned whether the sidewalk would go along the side of the lot and if it was 100 feet or less. T. Shekell clarified that it would go on the east side of the drive at a couple of hundred feet or less. B. Henry said she also was concerned about safety, but the sidewalk could interfere with the lot that has not been developed yet.

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by A. Medford to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading an amendment to the ordinance requiring the addition of a sidewalk. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, no; N. Grogan, no; B. Henry, no; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, no; T. Bequette, no; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, no; D. Renner, no; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, no; J. Albrecht, no. Motion as amended failed.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Item #5 - an Ordinance Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, Planned Use Development known as "Candlewood Suites". **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, no; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. Ayes - 11; Nos - 1. Motion carried.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Item #6 – an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory, Voelkle Annexation containing 1.44 acres. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Item #7 - an Ordinance Amending Chapter 52 with Regard to a Water Rate Increase. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Community Development:** J. Mouser stated the committee met on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and a copy of the minutes is in the packet. There are two special event requests since one of the items was handled under the Clerk's report. A Special Event request from Jack Schmitt to hold an off-site car sale from September 16 – 18, 2004, and a Special Event request from VFW Post 805 to hold a September 11 Patriot Day Street Dance. Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to approve the special event requests. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried. D. Renner said that the members of the VFW invite all Council members to join them. J. Mouser said the next meeting is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Works:** A. Medford stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Safety:** Mayor Graham stated that Mr. True was not present to report. The next meeting date will be placed on the website.

**Personnel/Finance:** J. West stated that they met before the meeting to consider Warrant #71. Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant #71 in the amount of \$2,044,406.65. **ROLL CALL:** D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Parks/Environment:** J. Albrecht stated that the agenda will be on the website shortly. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Graham said he had been approached by several aldermen to propose scheduling all of the committee meetings for one night and staggering them an hour apart. He asked the aldermen to think about the idea during the next few weeks.

J. Albrecht thanked the staff for the quarterly report and stated that they had done a fine job in keeping everybody informed.

D. Renner thanked Chief Betten for the tour of the new Public Safety Facility. Mayor Graham said he will announce the grand opening soon and all residents will be invited to attend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ACTION TAKEN DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by N. Drolet and seconded by N. Grogan to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

*Minutes taken by  
Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk  
Proper notice having been duly given*