



Public Safety Committee Minutes
November 08, 2004, 7:30 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 November 08, 2004. Call to order 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Boone, Medford, Reckamp, Horton
Members Not Present: Bennett
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Jerry Albrecht, John West, Becky Henry, Jerry Mouser, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton City Adm., Chief Saunders (OFD), Ted Shekell (P&Z), Jeff Stehman (P&Z), Jean Bevington (OPD), Candace & Ray Kirkman, Residents
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer & Progress Intern

Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated September 13, 2004, as presented and Alderman Medford seconded the Motion. All ayes.
(No quorum for meeting of October 11, 2004)

Old Business

Item 1. Warning System Coverage – Chief informed the Committee that Pat Judge to have request for proposal for hardware costs done by Wednesday (11-11-04) and has requested a copy of the original map with easements. Chief Saunders to e-mail copy to him. Mr. Sullivan, City Engineer, has been requested at a previous meeting to implement the first phase of this System within a 60 day time-line.

Action: City Engineer to implement first phase of System

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Study on Dangerous Intersections & Traffic Safety and Traffic Signs – This Item was transferred to the Public Works Committee.

Action: None

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Removal of Unregistered Vehicles – Alderman Boone has provided a Draft Ordinance for removal of unregistered vehicles that are parked on public streets and private property that are not in working order. Chief Betten reviewed this Draft and made inquires to the Planning and Zoning Department for their input in writing this Ordinance, Jeff Stehman and Ted Shekell provided a copy of the "2003 International Property Maintenance Code" (provided as handouts,

copy attached). Reference was made to Chapter 3, General Requirements, Section **302.8 Motor vehicles**. The Committee discussed specific issues on parked vehicles that cause an unsightly eyesore to the Community, the storage of these vehicles, and specific exceptions to the Ordinance (i.e. Auto Repair Business)

Action: Chief Betten to work on Ordinance and work with Planning and Zoning on Study for draft of the Building Maintenance Code.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Pending

Item 4. Traffic Control State & Oberneufemann Road – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the findings from Dennis Sullivan is that this intersection does meet the warrant for a traffic light or 4-way Stop. Placing traffic light may cause back up on Hwy. 50, plus the actual expenses and maintenance of the stop light. Chairman True informed the Committee that he has received some objections from other residents who use that stretch of Hwy 50 regularly and their opinions are that placing some type of restriction (4-way stop, lights, warning lights, etc.) would cause more inconvenience for other users, plus add more traffic congestion on State Street that would flow onto Hwy 50. Chairman True will have Mr. Sullivan go forward with a City Engineering Study and bring back a proposal to the Committee within 90 days.

Action: City Engineer to provide study within 90 days.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Police and Fire Inheritance Gifts – Chief Betten informed the Committee that ¼ of the Estate of Ruth H. Willman in the amount of \$17,000 (each) was bequeathed to the O’Fallon Fire and Police Departments. Chief Betten and Fire Chief Saunders would like to have the money placed into a trust fund to award a \$1,000 scholarship to an Explorer from the Police and Fire Department. The Committee discussed this request and felt that the trust fund for a scholarship was an excellent decision.

Action: Chairman True to contact Dean Rich to research the best interest bearing account for this trust fund.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Restriction on High School Parking on Side Streets – Alderman Horton requested the City to replace the signs that are weathered and rusted that restrict the parking on the side streets by the High School. Chairman True asked Chief Betten to have the City Engineer provide the replacements.

Action: Signs to be replaced

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Meeting Nights Moved – Alderman True asked the members present if the Monday Night Scheduling of the Public Safety Meeting caused any problems for them. Hearing no concerns, the meeting will continue on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Action: None

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Bow and Arrow – Residents Ray and Candace Kirkman brought to the Committee an “Arrow” similar to the one that was shot from across the street from a neighbor’s yard into their upstairs bedroom window—the arrow broke the window. Candace Kirkman addressed the Committee on the legality of such a weapon in a residential area and brought an Ordinance from the City of Fairview Heights for the Committee to review and provide same for the City of O’Fallon. The Committee reviewed Candace and Ray’s request and after discussion a Motion was made to recommend the Ordinance to Council. Alderman True requested Chief Betten to have the City Attorney Draft an Ordinance and have copy for the upcoming Council Meeting.

Action: Recommendation of Ordinance to Council

MOTION: A Motion was made to recommend to the Council to include in the City of O’Fallon’s Ordinances to restrict the use of the Bow and Arrow in residential areas. All ayes.

Disposition: Closed

Item 5. Placement of New Stop Signs – Alderman Henry requested the Committee to consider placing stop signs at Shadow Ridge Crossing and Dustin Lane (no signs are there now); St. Nicholas and Woodlake four-way stop signs (two are already in place). Alderman Henry informed the Committee that St. Nicholas now connects to Seven Hills Road and will generate much more traffic than exists now. Alderman Medford to take this issue to the Public Works Committee.

Action: Request to be sent to the Public Works Committee

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

Meeting Adjourned:	8:15 p.m.
Next Meeting:	December 13, 2004
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington