



Public Safety Committee Minutes
December 13, 2004, 7:35 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 December 13, 2004. Call to order 7:35 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, Jerry Mouser, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton City Adm., Chief Saunders (OFD),
Jean Bevington (OPD),
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Alderman Boone made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated November 8, 2004, as presented and Alderman Reckamp seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Warning System Coverage – Chief gave a report from Pat Judge on his progress of the Warning System Coverage. Pat to have pre-bid meeting with prospective contractors on 01/06/05, with bids due on 01/20/05. He is working with Rich Gorazd on the location north of Bethel Road and west of Bowler Road along a ridge line in that area.

Action: Invitation/Notice to Contractors for bids on Warning System Coverage

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Removal of Unregistered Vehicles – Chief Betten provided a hand out of a Draft Ordinance from the 2003 International Property Maintenance Codes on parking restrictions (Definitions, Interpretations and Enforcement) for the Committee to review. The Committee reviewed various issues and definitions involving off-street parking, parking of inoperable vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, etc. and found to have these issued to be covered in the Property Maintenance Code. Two specific items that the Committee was directed to involved the following:

1. 72.21 (B) Prohibited parking. No trailer or motor vehicle, except motor vehicles with passenger, RV, A or B class registration plates, or out-of-state motor vehicles which would qualify for passenger, RV, A or B class registration if registered in Illinois, shall be parked on any street within the city, except during loading and unloading.

Recommendation to the Committee to drop the RV as an exemption and add class C.

72.10(A) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer, or an official traffic control device, no person shall:

(2) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge passengers:

(d) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located on the side of the roadway.

Recommendation to the Committee to modify to “within 30 feet of any intersection or as otherwise approved by the City Engineer.”

Action: Chief Betten to work on the revisions of this Ordinance

MOTION: A Motion was made by Alderman Boone to make recommendation to the Council to accept the above two changes in the Property Maintenance Code, Alderman Reckamp seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Disposition: Pending

Item 3. Traffic Control State & Oberneufemann Road – No Report. Alderman Horton wanted to add to the list of considerations for the City Engineer the following two suggestions:

1. Paint warning lines on the street
2. Some type of illumination lights or reflectors

Action: City Engineer to provide study within 90 days.

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Unified Command Class, February 5, 2005 – Fire Chief Saunders informed the Committee that the Fire Department was requesting approval to host a Unified Command Class on February 5, 2005. Chief Saunders reported he received the requirements from the State of Illinois and informed the Committee that this would be an 8 hour class (table-top exercise) and open to all agencies—Fire, Police, EMS, Public Works, Schools, elected and appointed Officials.

Action: The Committee approved the Class

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Incentive for Business to Ban Smoking – Alderman Boone suggested to the Committee to have businesses (restaurants) ban smoking totally in their establishments and by doing so the City would return a portion of the sales tax to them. After careful consideration, the consensus of the Committee was that rebating taxes to restaurants for banning smoking was not in the best interest of the City.

Action: None

MOTION: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	8:22 p.m.
Next Meeting:	January 10, 2005
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington