

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who then led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2004, meeting. E. True noted two corrections: (1) Page 3 should read that the next scheduled meeting for Public Safety is January 10, 2005 – not January 5. (2) Page 4 should read that the next scheduled meeting for Parks and Environment is January 10, 2005 – not January 5. Minutes were approved as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

RESIDENTS:

Mayor Graham invited any residents of O'Fallon who would like to speak to the Council to step to the microphone, but no one came forward.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: None.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham wished everyone a Happy New Year and projected a great year for the City of O'Fallon and its citizens.

M. Bennett said he spoke with some people who are not O'Fallon residents but who watch our City Council meetings via cable, and they commended the people who perform the sound and camera work during our meetings. Mayor Graham agreed these people do a great job and added that they volunteer their time toward this effort. The Mayor also noted that a new camera would be needed in the future to upgrade our system, and he said he would like to see its use expanded to include community events and perhaps the high school football games.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by E. True to consider Resolution Items 1-3 under the omnibus rule. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM 1 – Resolution Approving the Release of Closed Session Minutes

ITEM 2 – Resolution Recommending that Schedule B of the Closed Session Minutes Not be Released Because the Need for Confidentiality Still Exists

ITEM 3 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Highway Permit from St. Clair County for the Installation of a new 60 foot Wooden Utility Pole in the Scott-Troy Road Right-of-Way for an Outdoor Warning Siren

A. Medford commented that the outdoor warning siren is a silent system and will not disturb any of the residents. D. Horton asked if this was to supplement the existing tornado warning system, and Mayor Graham confirmed that it was.

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Resolution Items 1-3.

ROLL CALL: N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1ST Readings

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by N. Grogan to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 4.

ITEM 4 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 72, Section 72.10, (A)(2)(d), Regarding Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places

ROLL CALL: E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by R. Reckamp to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 5.

ITEM 5 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 72, Section 72.21 (B) Regarding Parking Prohibitions

D. Renner asked for clarification on the Ordinance. Police Chief Betten indicated the purpose of the Ordinance is to eliminate extremely large vehicles, those requiring a Class A or B license plate, from being parked on the street. He added that although this will allow smaller recreational vehicles with a Class C license plate to be parked on the street, it will also allow family vehicles and commuter vehicles that require a Class C license plate to be parked on the street as well. The type of license plate is determined by the gross vehicle weight.

ROLL CALL: B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, nay; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, nay; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye. Ayes-10; Nays-2. Motion carried.

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by M. Bennett to table Ordinance Item 6.

ITEM 6 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Planned Use Development known as Cowden Storage Building

Mayor Graham asked Ted Shekell why this had not gone to the Community Development Committee. T. Shekell replied he had discussed this with J. Mouser prior to Christmas and indicated there were two items to come before the City Council tonight. J. Mouser felt the two items were satisfactory enough to come before the City Council tonight without the need to go before Community Development first.

Since this is first reading for Item 6, Mayor Graham asked if it weren't tabled tonight, would it be in Committee at their next meeting. T. Shekell confirmed that it would be.

R. Reckamp asked T. Shekell if he saw any issues with Item 6. T. Shekell said no and gave a brief description of the property and the Planned Use Development.

ROLL CALL: R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, nay; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, nay; N. Drolet, nay; J. West, nay; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, nay; E. True, nay; B. Henry, nay. Ayes-5; Nays-7. Motion lost.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. West to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 6.

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, nay; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, nay; D. Renner, nay; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, nay; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye. Ayes-8; Nays-4. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by N. Grogan to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 7.

ITEM 7 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Planned Use Development known as "O'Fallon Professional Park, Lot 2"

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by E. True to pass 2nd Reading Ordinance Item 8.

ITEM 8 - Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Plat 4 known as The Enclave of Hearthstone

ROLL CALL: A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, nay; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, nay; T. Bequette, aye. Ayes-10; Nays-2. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: Mayor Graham stated the minutes from the last Community Development meeting were attached to the agendas. Their next meeting will be January 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford indicated they did not meet in December. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True stated they had not met since the last City Council meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they did not meet in December; however, the Finance/Administration Committee met before the City Council meeting to discuss Warrant 79. A motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 79 in the amount of \$694,015.50.

ROLL CALL: M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. West said the next meeting of the Finance/Administration Committee would be January 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session: At 7:21 a motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan for the City Council members to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale or purchase of property and to discuss the cell tower concept.

ROLL CALL: D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:42 p.m. City Council members returned from Executive Session.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by E. True to approve Mayor Graham's pursuit of the sale of the Quarry Pond property.

Mayor Graham explained the resolution is that he has the authority to complete the sale of the Quarry Pond property within the guidelines discussed. He noted the offer is for the full-appraised value of the property.

ROLL CALL: N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, nay; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, nay; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye. Ayes-10; Nays-2. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham announced that President Bush would be in Collinsville on Wednesday, and the City has been trying to obtain tickets but has not been able to acquire any yet. However, he invited anyone who wanted tickets to email him; and if the City received tickets, they would try to distribute them accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by D. Horton to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

*Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist*