

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham. "Mayor for the Day" Shannon Wallace 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, present; Tom Bequette, present; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present; Dennis Renner, present; Jason Boone, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham introduced Shannon Wallace of Moye School as Acting Mayor for today in the City O'Fallon. Miss Wallace had spent all day with Mayor Graham, touring the police station, sharing lunch with him, and visiting the jail.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Annexation Agreement for approximately 1.39 acres located at 2080 Borchers Lane with Richard and Donna Price. Opened to public at 7:04 p.m. Mayor Graham called three times for public input, but no one came forward. Closed to public at 7:05 p.m.

RESIDENTS:

Mayor Graham invited any residents of O'Fallon who would like to speak to the Council to step to the microphone. Mr. Ron Van Horn of 405 E. Washington Street came forward representing the residents of the 400 and 500 blocks of E. Washington, as well as some residents from the 300 block of E. Washington. He expressed their appreciation for the City proceeding forward with the storm water drainage problem. He referenced a previous study that was done for \$240,000 and asked what the new study will do that the previous study did not do. He also expressed their concern with the storm water problem and the effects it has on their safety, health, and home value.

Mayor Graham stated this is a money issue with the initial estimate to fix the problem being in excess of \$2 million. The Mayor said the Council is working on the problem, including looking at some detention in the area. He explained that the previous study referenced by Mr. Van Horn was citywide and did not focus on any particular area.

No other residents came forward to speak.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: None.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham invited Randall Burch to come forward, and the Mayor and Acting Mayor Wallace presented Mr. Burch with a plaque and thanked him for his dedication and years of service on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Graham explained that Mrs. Scott's fourth grade class at Moye School had adopted a soldier, Justin Horn, while he was in Iraq. Acting Mayor Wallace read a proclamation thanking Mrs. Scott's class for outstanding community service in providing various items to Justin Horn and other troop members. She recognized March 7, 2005, as "Mrs. Scott and Moye Fourth Grade Class Day" in the City of O'Fallon.

Mayor Graham also read a note of thanks from another soldier who was stationed in Iraq and who had received parcels in the mail from Moye School last year.

Jim Hoyer from Boy Scout Troop 40 stood and was recognized by Mayor Graham for being in attendance, working on his communications badge.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Graham stated that Resolution Item 8 has to go into Executive Session so it could not be passed tonight.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Rule for Resolution Items 1-7. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve Resolution Items 1-7.

ITEM 1 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Burns & McDonnell for GIS Mapping in an amount not to exceed \$92,300

ITEM 2 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with KDG for Seven Hills Water Tower Detention Design in an amount not to exceed \$6,400

ITEM 3 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Rhutasel & Associates for East Washington Street Topographic Survey in an amount not to exceed \$8,500

ITEM 4 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a modification to an Agreement with Rhutasel & Associates for Facilities Planning Area Effort in an amount not to exceed \$10,000

ITEM 5 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Ehret Plumbing and Heating for Extension of Water Main Along Milburn School Road in an amount not to exceed \$278,149

ITEM 6 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by a Municipality (Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Expenditures for CY2005) in an amount not to exceed \$190,530

ITEM 7 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Richard and Donna Price located at 2080 Borchers Lane

ROLL CALL: N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, 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 9.

ITEM 9 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Regarding Stop Signs at Penn and E. Madison

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

E. True explained that, regarding Ordinance Item 10, it was decided that the state's law would suffice in this matter.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by J. Albrecht to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 10.

ITEM 10 – Ordinance Rescinding Chapter 98, Section 98.08, Vehicles on Sidewalks

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

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 11.

ITEM 11 – Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of City Real Estate to be known as Lot 14 of the Shoppes at Greenmount Subdivision Plat for the Purpose of Constructing a Flagpole Style Communications Tower for Collocation of Antennas and Related Equipment

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

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Item 12.

ITEM 12 – Ordinance Amending the Shoppes at Green Mount Planned Development to Construct a 120' Flag Pole Design Cell Tower

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

ITEM 13 - Shoppes at Greenmount Final Plat has been placed on hold.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated they met on February 28, 2005; and he noted the minutes were included in the packets. A motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve a Special Event request from Chevy's Fresh Mex to hold a "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" from May 5-7, 2005, in their parking lot. All ayes. Motion carried.

Their next meeting will be March 14, 2005, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford indicated they met on February 28, 2005. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

D. Renner stated that in Ward 5, they are still experiencing parking problems on Jaclyn Drive. A motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by M. Bennett to install "No Parking" signs on Jaclyn Drive.

Mayor Graham said he thought an ordinance was needed for that action; and D. Sullivan, Director of Engineering, agreed and added that the City doesn't own Jaclyn Drive. Mayor Graham said the Council could not vote on it before it went to Committee.

M. Bennett said the State previously wanted the City to take ownership of Jaclyn Drive, but the City did not want to do that until the State improved the street. It is currently just a gravel road. M. Bennett also thanked the City for the striping done on Long Drive, saying it has made a tremendous improvement at the stop sign and stop light.

A motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by M. Bennett to table the motion for "No Parking" signs along Jaclyn Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Safety: E. True stated they met on February 14, 2005; and minutes from their meeting were included in the packets of the last City Council meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

With regard to public safety, D. Renner stated there have been numerous newspaper articles lately about neighboring cities requiring only a high school education or GED for their police officers. He asked Chief Betten what we require of our police officers. Chief Betten explained the minimum entry requirement for the City of O'Fallon police officers is an Associate Degree. He added that 41 of our 43 officers have their Bachelor Degree, and 17 officers have their Graduate Degree.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated the minutes from the February 28, 2005, meeting were included in their packets. They met before tonight's City Council meeting to discuss Warrant 83. A motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve paying Gifts for Individuals in the amount of \$321.90.

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, abstain; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye. Ayes - 13; Abstain - 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. West and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Warrant 83 in the amount of \$680,482.82.

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

J. West said the next meeting of the Finance/Administration Committee would be March 28, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks/Environment: J. Albrecht stated their next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Graham asked the Wallace family to stand as Acting Mayor Shannon Wallace introduced her family. Mayor Graham thanked Miss Wallace for a wonderful day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:22 a motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. Mouser to go into Executive Session to discuss the lease, sale, and purchase of property.

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

At 8:12 p.m. City Council members returned from Executive Session.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by M. Bennett to table Resolution Item 8.

ITEM 8 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Lori and Melissa Jones

ROLL CALL: J. Boone, nay; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; D. Horton, aye; N. Grogan, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye. Ayes – 13; Nays – 1. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist