



Public Safety Committee Minutes
May 09, 2005, 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 May 09, 2005. Call to order 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Boone, Medford, Reckamp,
Members Not Present: Bennett
Staff Liaison: Captain James Stover
Other Aldermen Present: John West, Jerry Albrecht, Mary Schmidt
Other Persons Present: Dennis Sullivan City Engineer, Pam Funk (Adm.),
Chief Saunders (OFD), Ted Shekell (Plg. & Zn), April
Mitchell (City Intern), Tim Claxton (OFD), Jean
Bevington (OPD),
Media Persons Present: Tiffany Garner, Progress

Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated April 11, 2005, as presented and Alderman Boone seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Traffic Control State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that the data is at review (Transportation Committee); St. Clair County should give an answer by May 16, 2005 and Metro East should give answer by May 25, 2005.

Action: None

MOTION: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Class D Parking – The Committee reviewed the sample Ordinances for Class D Parking Regulations. The Committee agreed to use the following wording for the O'Fallon Class D Parking Ordinance: No person shall enter, drive upon, stop, or park any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of more than the stated limit upon the municipal parking lot(s) 3 ton weight limit and 21 feet in length. Parking shall be restricted as described therein for all trucks, excepting, however, what are commonly referred to as pick-up trucks. Commercial vehicle or second division vehicles in the process of loading or unloading shall be exempt. Fire Department vehicles, ambulances, and vehicles owned or used by the City shall also be exempt.

Action: The Committee recommended the Draft be sent to the City Attorney for his review.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Alderman Reckamp to send a Draft of the Parking Ordinance to the City Attorney for his review. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Boone. All ayes.

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Warning System at Central School – Captain Stover informed the Committee that the Siren at Central School is still not sounding and he is working on getting it repaired. The Company that installed the sirens is checking the Dispatch Console for a frequency glitch, however, all other frequencies to other sirens are in working order. All new sirens have been installed and/or upgraded and are working. The Committee felt that if this siren (Central School) could not be repaired in a timely manner (before storm season) then a new one should be purchased.

Action: Capt. Stover to look into the cost of repair vs. the cost of purchasing a new siren.

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item. 3. Missing 25 MPH Speed Sign with the Slogan “If You Mess Up ... You’ll Pay up” – Request was made to the Committee to replace the “If you mess up ... you’ll pay up” sign from Central School, Capt. Stover to make arrangements for replacement. He also informed the Committee that the Department will prosecute anyone caught stealing City property (signs).

Action: Capt. Stover to get sign replaced

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Cambridge and Indian Creek Intersection – Alderman Boone made a diagram of this intersection to show the Committee the speeding problems that are occurring at this intersection. His suggestion to the Committee was to place a medium/island on Indian Creek so that the traffic would be forced to slow down before making the turn on to Indian Creek. Dennis Sullivan disagreed with this request because it would force a “no parking” area for the first two houses on either side of Indian Creek and this island would also make it difficult for large City vehicles (Ambulance, Fire Truck, Street Dept. Truck, etc.) to get in and out. A request for a Traffic Count was suggested and Capt. Stover said that he would be able to provide one and get results for the next meeting. The Committee decided to wait for the results of the Traffic Count. Alderman Boone is open for any suggestions to solve the speeding problems at this intersection.

Action: Traffic Count to be made by the Police Department

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Massage Establishments (Ordinance Revisions) – Ted Shekell informed the Committee that the current Ordinance used by the City to License Massage Therapist and Massage Therapy Clinics is not in accordance with the State which began the licensing of professional massage therapist on January 1, 2005. Mr. Shekell informed the Committee that the City still has the authority to inspections on an ongoing basis and the License still must be displayed in a visible area. Mr. Shekell provided handouts of the existing City Ordinance and the new Ordinance from the State of Illinois. Copies are attached.

Action: None

Motion: A Motion was made by Alderman Medford and seconded by Alderman Boone to accept the Draft by Dale Funk, City Attorney, of the new State of Illinois Massage Licensing Act and forward it on to Council. All ayes.

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	8:04 p.m.
Next Meeting:	June 13, 2005
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington