



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**June 13, 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 June 13, 2005. Call to order 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Boone, Medford, Reckamp,  
Members Not Present: True, Bennett  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: John West, Mary Schmidt, Jerry Mouser, Ned Drolet, Becky Henry,  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Adm.), Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer), Pam Funk (Adm.), Chief Saunders (OFD), April Mitchell (City Intern), Tim Claxton (OFD), Jean Bevington (OPD), Lisa Jerashen (Resident), Martha Coleman (Resident)  
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True was absent for this meeting but had made arrangements with Alderman Reckamp to Chair this meeting in his absence.

Alderman Boone made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated May 9, 2005, as presented and Alderman Medford seconded the Motion. All ayes.

**Old Business**

**Item 1. Traffic Control State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that the project passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> of three rounds (the 3<sup>rd</sup> is just a formality). The project placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 11 for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant. Mr. Sullivan felt that the bidding for the design of the roundabout would not be out for bid until March, 2006; the Engineering firm bids would be around July 1, 2006 and all of these dates are tentative depending upon funding availability. Alderman Drolet would like the project to move forward in a timely manner, he said there were three accidents within a one-week period at this intersection.

**Action: None**

**MOTION: None**

**Disposition: Open**

**Item 2. Class D Parking** – The Committee reviewed the Ordinance for prohibited Parking Regulations and agreed to change the wording to: "No trailer, commercial vehicle, truck, except those commonly referred to as "pick-up" trucks, or any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of more than three (3) tons and/or overall length of twenty one (21) feet or more, shall be parked on any

street within the City, except during loading and unloading. Fire Department vehicles, ambulances and vehicles owned or used by the City are also exempt.

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

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Alderman Boone to recommend the Draft, with this approved change, in the Class D Parking Ordinance to Council. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Medford. All ayes.

**Disposition: Closed**

**Item 3. Warning System at Central School** – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the cost to repair the Siren at Central School is \$2,700. The part has been ordered.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 4. Missing 25 MPH Speed Sign with the Slogan “If You Mess Up ... You’ll Pay up”** – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the “Contest” sign has been replaced.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 5. Cambridge and Indian Creek Intersection** – Chief Betten provided the Committee with a TRAX Speed Analysis (handout) at Indian Creek that was requested to provide a basis/motive for the high speed traffic complaint. The Aldermen present reviewed the speed analysis and with the data provided, the Committee felt the intersection warranted no changes.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **New Business**

**Item 1. Mayfest** – Chief Betten to have a meeting with the Booster Organization to examine the layout of the event and evaluate the opportunity for new strategies to keep the environment of this event as a family social. He will share the meeting highlights with the Committee and introduce ideas to Homecoming.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. No Parking East Side of Augusta** – A request to have “no parking signs” placed on the East Side of Augusta during special events (Mayfest, Homecoming, and OTHS Craft Fair) was suggested. Chief Betten informed the Committee that he would place restricted parking (By Order of the Chief of Police) on the East Side of Augusta during these events.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 3. Stop Signs**

- a. **St. Nicholas Drive @ Woodlake Court** – A request was made by Alderman Henry to place a 4-way stop at Woodlake Court and St. Nicholas Drive. Woodlake Court has “Deaf Children” Signs already in place and with the new subdivision almost completed and St. Nicholas Drive completed through to Seven Hills Road, the traffic has increased and a safety situation comes into effect for the residents driving across St. Nichols Drive and children that live on Woodlake Court.
- b. **Wheatfield Road @ Shadow Ridge Crossing** – After careful consideration, the Committee agreed to place a stop sign on Shadow Ridge Crossing at Wheatfield Road.
- c. **Jefferson Street** – Residents Martha Coleman and Lisa Jerashen requested the Committee to place a stop on Jefferson @ Penn. They informed the Committee of a hill on Jefferson that cars become air borne when traveling at a high rate of speed. Residents feel a stop sign would help elevate the speeding problems on these streets.

**Action:** Chief Betten to do a Speed/Traffic Study on St. Nicholas Drive @ Woodlake Court; Jefferson Street @ Penn.

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 4. Warning Siren Testing (Bethel)** – Alderman West informed the Committee that he advised the residents around the Bethel Siren that the testing would be silent. The siren testing is not silent and he would like the Committee to check on what can be done on the sounding of this siren. Chief Betten informed the Committee that the new sirens can be tested silently; however, the three older sirens are not silent. Tim Claxton, OF Fire Department, explained that some of the “silent” testing is subdued compared to the actual sounding of the siren. He will check with the Company to see if he can have the three older sirens set/restructured to not sound when tested and have the siren on Bethel to test silently.

**Action:** Tim to check on silencing the three older sirens to see if they can be tested separately from the rest of the sirens which will be checked at peak volume.

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** None

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

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:31 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>July 11, 2005</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>

**Alderman Henry thanked the Police Department for their participation in making the “Salute to Scott Day” a successful event.**