

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who then led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Walter Denton, City Administrator, called the roll: Nila Grogan, present; Mary Schmidt, 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, excused. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2005, meeting with the following correction: Under **Parks/Environment** it should read "M. Bennett commented that the park baseball league has *four All-Star* teams advancing to the Babe Ruth League Baseball state tournament in Chicago." 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. No one came forward.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Administrator Walter Denton presented one request:

1. Request from St. Louis Children's Hospital to conduct a raffle through the month of June, 2005, at the QuikTrip and Gold's Gym locations.

R. Reckamp asked who the sponsor was for this endeavor. The Mayor said the name on the application is Julie Normeil.

A motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham asked City Council members to let Jamie know if they plan to attend the June 23rd Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors meeting at MidAmerica Airport.

The Mayor recommended appointment of Dave Snyder to the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to appoint Dave Snyder to the Planning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham explained the policy in the past has been to appoint people to the Planning Commission by wards. All of the applications received have been from two wards, and there are already three people serving from those two wards. However, because of the dire need to fill these vacancies, the Mayor said he would be recommending two more people from the applications received to fill those vacancies.

Mayor Graham stated the County has agreed to pay one-third of the cost to put in a turn lane from the Shoppes at Green Mount Road to I-64. The County is asking the City and the developer to each pay one-third of the cost. The developer had a traffic study conducted earlier which indicated a turn lane was not warranted until 2024. Despite the study, the developer has agreed to pay for one-third of the cost now. Mayor Graham asked the Council to agree to one-third of the cost of the turn lane, up to \$25,000.00.

R. Reckamp asked who conducted the traffic study. T. Shekell said Thouvenot, Wade, and Moerchen conducted the study; and it was reviewed by the St. Clair County Highway Department and IDOT.

M. Bennett asked if we wait until the turn lane is warranted, would the developer be responsible for putting it in at that time? The Mayor said "no." M. Bennett then asked if the City could force the developer to put in the turn lane now, and the Mayor responded "no."

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to pay for one-third of the cost of the turn lane from the Shoppes at Green Mount Road to I-64, up to \$25,000.00.

ROLL CALL: M. Schmidt, 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; N. Grogan, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham said the VFW would be having a Poker Run involving about 150 motorcyclists on July 3. There will be no outdoor alcohol sales or consumption, but they may have a barbecue in Southview. They are not asking for any streets to be closed. The Mayor didn't foresee any problems. R. Reckamp asked who the motorcycle group was, and the Mayor said they are mostly Vietnam Veterans.

Mayor Graham presented Mary Schmidt with a plaque commending and thanking her for nine years of service on the City's Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Rule for Resolution Items 1-3. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

ITEM 1 - Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Fulford Homes for Construction of the Veterans Monument Parking Area in Conjunction with Public Infrastructure Improvements Related to the Estates at Prairie Crossing in the Amount of \$46,308.00

ITEM 2 - Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for the Oslad Grant for Family Sports & Community Park

ITEM 3 - Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Parsons Water & Infrastructure Inc. for Contract Modification #1 and #2 for Oslad Grant Application for Oslad Funding and Family Sports Park Phase 1 Bidding and Construction Documents in the Amount not to Exceed \$299,000.00

Regarding the Oslad Grant, M. Bennett noted the ground annexation is only on 1st Reading; and he asked if it needed to be fast-tracked in order to qualify for the grant. M. Hutchison didn't feel that was necessary.

Regarding Item 2, M. Hutchison noted the Oslad Grant is for \$400,000.00. The cost to hire someone to apply for the grant is \$7,500.00.

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; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

R. Reckamp raised discussion on Item 3, stating it listed a lot of *exclusions* and asked what it *included*. Mayor Graham noted some of the exclusions listed are items that have already been completed.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Rule for 1st Reading Ordinance Items 4, 5 and 7. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Items 4, 5 and 7.

ITEM 4 – Ordinance Approving the Transfer of Real Estate to John and Sherry Yoch regarding the Right-of-Way for Seven Hills Road

ITEM 5 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Stop Signs, regarding Shadow Ridge and Whitfield

ITEM 7 – Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory (City Owned Property Bounded by Porter and Oberneufemann Roads, Approximately 200+ Acres)

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; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

E. True noted that Item 6 was discussed in Committee and forwarded to Council. However, recent comments were made suggesting some issues still need to be discussed.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. Boone to send 1st Reading Ordinance Item 6 back to Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM 6 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 72, regarding Parking of Prohibited Vehicles

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to consider the Omnibus Rule for 2nd Reading Ordinance Items 9-12. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by A. Medford to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Items 9-12.

ITEM 9 – Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and Establishing a Not-For-Profit Corporation

ITEM 10 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Planned Use on Reliance Bank

ITEM 11 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 52, Section 52.090 Regarding Temporary Hydrant Meter Charges

ITEM 12 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Amendment to Little Gym's Retail Center located at 210 Hartman Lane

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; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Item 8.

ITEM 8 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3204 (D), Relating to a Sewer Rate Reduction

D. Renner objected to businesses receiving the sewer rate reduction and felt there needed to be a way to regulate it to include only residents. A. Medford noted this item is on the agenda for next week's Public Works Committee meeting, and they will discuss ways to regulate this in the future.

Mayor Graham clarified this rate reduction will apply to the month of June only.

ROLL CALL: J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, nay; D. Renner, nay; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye. Ayes – 11; Nays - 2. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Item 13.

ITEM 13 – Ordinance Approving the Annexation and Zoning of Kombrink Executive Homes containing 95.8 acres

N. Drolet objected to the City receiving funds in lieu of parkland. He also felt there should be better access to Outlot A. The Mayor asked if the City asked for the Outlot A easement. T. Shekell responded that it is in the agreement. He added that when the project is engineered, it would be up to the engineers to determine how they can incorporate the easement, if it is physically possible.

J. Boone asked the Mayor about the outcome of the sidewalk negotiations. Mayor Graham said the developer would put in the sidewalk.

The Mayor commented about the City's decision to accept funds in lieu of parkland, explaining the Park Master Plan states the City has this option. He reminded the Council that when the Park Master Plan was developed, the City only had two parks. He also noted the difficulty for the City to maintain small parks throughout the City.

N. Drolet said this development has three detention ponds, and none of them are being used as green space. He suggested the developer turn some of the detention pond area into public green space that would be maintained by the developer. Mayor Graham said he would look at that idea; however, he noted a detention area was recommended for one of the Presidential streets, and everyone wanted it to be fenced because children would be playing in that area. The Mayor asked T. Shekell to speak with him and the developer regarding N. Drolet's suggestion.

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, nay; J. West, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, nay; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye. Ayes – 11; Nays – 2. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham appointed M. Schmidt to the Public Safety Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated they met on June 13, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. The minutes from that meeting are included in the packets. Their next meeting will be June 27, 2005, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford said they are scheduled to meet June 27, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True stated they met on June 13, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. The minutes are included in the packets. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's City Council meeting to discuss Warrant 90.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 90 in the amount of \$1,062,981.12.

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

Their next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks/Environment: A. Medford stated their next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by N. Drolet to approve the bid for a Zero Turn Radius Mower from Quality Rental in the amount of \$10,117.56.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to go into Executive Session to discuss union negotiations.

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

At 8:11 p.m. City Council members returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist