



Public Safety Committee Minutes
August 08, 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 August 8, 2005. Call to order 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Boone, Medford, Reckamp, Schmidt
Members Not Present: Bennett,
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: John West, Ned Drolet, Jerry Albrecht
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Adm.), Dean Rich (Finance),
Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer), Pam Funk (Adm.),
Chief Saunders (OFD), Jean Bevington (OPD),
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress; Tiffany Garner, Journal

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

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, distributed a handout to the Committee (attached) on the layout of the proposed roundabout. He updated the Committee on some of the obstacles he is resolving at this point, specifically, two small parcels of right-of-way. The roundabout will be made of concrete and asphalt; sidewalks are to be placed around it. He also informed the Committee that this design could be changed by IDOT which at this point has not approved it. Bids are not expected until July, 2006, and actual work not beginning until December, 2006. Mr. Sullivan will keep the Committee updated on the progress of the roundabout and grant funding.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item. 1. Emergency Notification System – Chief Betten provided the Committee with a handout (attached) of the Code Red® Outbound 911 Emergency Messaging System. The Chief gave details to the Committee on three separate Systems, two of these systems the City would have to purchase and then supply the extra telephone lines and other operational equipment. The City would have to maintain these systems and plus place an added burden on our existing computer structure. The Code Red® System is internet based and would not burden our existing computer services. The Code Red® System can generate 60,000 calls per hour including repeat calls to residents who did not

answer their telephones, it will generate reports and the City would not be responsible for any upkeep.

The Chief gave highlights of what this System would do for the City:

1. Call an area of the City effected by a broken water main for a boil order
2. Call snow route streets to remove cars for the snow plow
3. Inform entire City of a water shortage
4. This System could identify specific groups or organizations:
 - a. Call Council members on change of meeting date or time
 - b. Call Firemen for an emergency assistance to another agency
 - c. Call in Street Department for inclement weather which was not predicted

Chief Betten informed the Committee that the Code Red® Message System would be an informational tool for all Departments. The cost is \$14,000 the first year and \$7,000 contract renewal every year thereafter.

Action: None

Motion: A Motion was made by Alderman Medford to recommend to Council the purchase of the Code Red® Outbound 911 Emergency Messaging System (Emergency Notification System) and was seconded by Alderman Boone. All ayes.

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. The Use of Tobacco by Minors – Alderman Boone informed the Committee of the many minors who smoke cigarettes in our parks and canvassed the Committee on their thoughts of creating an ordinance to curb this type of activity. Aldermen present agreed that preventing minors from smoking was a good thing but the Police Department does not have enough manpower to enforce such an ordinance. The issue was closed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Road Blocks – Alderman Drolet brought the road block issue back to the Committee and requested a review of this Ordinance. The Aldermen felt that the present Ordinance was planned with safety and the changes made were well written. The decision to revive the road block was closed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	8:22 p.m.
Next Meeting:	September 12, 2005
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington