

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

August 22, 2005

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on August 22, 2005. CALL TO ORDER: Time: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS Medford - X Reckamp - X
West - X Drolet - X
Grogan - X

STAFF LIAISON: Dean Rich, Walter Denton, Pam Funk
Aldermen Albrecht, West, Schmidt

Approval of the minutes from July 25, 2005

Item 1. Drury SSA Update. The SSA pre-development agreement will be on the agenda for second reading. There were no changes since the first reading.

Item 2. Census Update. The Census Bureau has visited O'Fallon and approved the Nature Center. Telephone lines and instruments are in place. Tables and chairs are on order. File cabinets will be rented from Color Art, and Datamax will provide the copier and fax. All equipment will be in place by Friday, September 16, and the Census Supervisor will begin interviews on Monday, September 19, 2005. We remain on track for a late October/early November completion.

Item 3. Telecommunication Tax Update. After the August 18, 2005, News Democrat article and cartoon, the staff received a total of five e-mails and three phone calls. The e-mails objected to any tax increase and neither gave or asked for information – all were answered. While no one likes taxes, the objections have been less than both the utility tax and Proposition S. The ordinance is on for second reading.

Item 4. Special Business District for Drury. A draft copy of the O'Fallon/Drury Development Business District Plan was reviewed. The plan was completed by PGAV Urban Consulting along with Attorney Kurt Froehlich. Basically, the plan covers the Drury Hotel site and allows Drury to collect an extra 1% hotel tax to offset the cost of mine subsidence.

Motion to place on first reading made by Alderman Allen Medford. Seconded by Alderman Ned Drolet. All ayes.

Item 5. Surplus Vehicles. The City has two surplus vehicles and wishes to declare them surplus and dispose of them. The two are a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 1992 Ford Econline 350 Van.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Rick Reckamp. Seconded by Alderman Nila Grogan. All ayes.

Item 6. Resolution to Amend 457 Program. An employee has asked to borrow a part of his 457 account for an approved loan. The plan requires the City pass a resolution to permit loans. The loans are only for a case of hardship or other certain specific financial situations – unreimbursed medical expenses, buying or rehabilitating the participant's principal residence and paying for college education. A participant can have only one loan of up to 50% of their account, and it must be paid back in 5 years.

Motion to placed resolution before Council made by Alderman Grogan. Seconded by Alderman Allen Medford. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:25 p.m. PREPARED BY: Dean Rich
(time)