

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who then led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, 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, excused; Dennis Renner, present; Jason Boone, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2005, meeting. 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.

Ms. Barbara Stefanovich of 1428 Keck Ridge presented a petition from the residents of Keck Ridge against the proposed entrance and exit of the New Life Christian Church via Keck Ridge. They recommended the entrance/exit be directed to Hilltop Drive, and she stated Darryl Cates and other board members had no objection to this recommendation at the 9/6/05 County Board meeting. However, she was informed this was a City issue and should be brought before the City Council. Mayor Graham stated the church might be on the agenda for the September 26th Community Development meeting for an expansion of their facility, and he suggested she attend that meeting.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Phil Goodwin presented two requests:

1. Request from the O'Fallon Optimist Club to conduct a raffle from October 1, 2005, through November 15, 2005

A motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. West to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Request from the O'Fallon Rotary Club to sell alcohol at the Katy Cavins Community Center on October 15, 2005, for the Rotary Club Auction

A motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Graham read a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2005, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Debra Mize, Family Violence Prevention Manager, accepted the proclamation and expressed her appreciation for the City's support. A. Medford asked Ms. Mize if her organization still accepts donations of used cell phones, and Ms. Mize said they do accept cell phones. Mayor Graham stated that anyone who would like to donate a cell phone can drop it off at City Hall, and they would ensure it gets to Ms. Mize.

The Mayor said our "Two Cities Hurricane Relief Fund" is underway to provide assistance to our sister city in the Gulf region. More information can be found on the City's website regarding how residents can help with donations.

Mayor Graham stated the Porter Road Annexation Agreement was approved at the last City Council meeting and there was a question raised regarding the land dedication of that park. The wording has been changed to reflect that the City received the land contribution dedication requirement in consideration of the reduced purchase of the 200 acres. An affidavit will be attached showing the City received more than the \$213,000 in costs.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Rule for Resolution Items 1-6. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Resolution Items 1-6.

ITEM 1 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Pre-Development Agreement with Subaru of O'Fallon in Connection with a Subaru of O'Fallon Special Service Area

ITEM 2 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Jack Schmitt Chevrolet for the Purchase of a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab Pickup Truck in an amount not to exceed \$16,114

ITEM 3 – Resolution Approving and Accepting a Subdivision of Land to be known as Schmitt Office Park

ITEM 4 – Resolution Approving and Accepting a Subdivision of Land to be known as the Minor Subdivision of Central Park Plaza, 1st Addition, 2nd Amendment (Subaru)

ITEM 5 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Woolpert, Inc. for Professional Planning and Engineering Services for Updating the 2001 O'Fallon Comprehensive Land Use Plan in an amount not to exceed \$43,730 with reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$6,025

ITEM 6 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with O'Fallon Lodge No. 198 Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Covering Rates of Pay, Wages, Hour of Employment, and other conditions

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

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. West to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 7.

ITEM 7 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, Regarding Sewer Service Rates

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

Mayor Graham noted he read in the newspaper that the sewer increase is caused by the additional growth in the City of O'Fallon. He said the vast majority of houses added in the past three years are located in the Caseyville Sewer District and have had little impact on this rate increase. The primary cause of the rate increase is the Illinois EPA requiring a certain amount of funds be held in reserve for sewer repairs. The Mayor asked City Council members to get that word out to our citizens.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by R. Reckamp to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 8.

ITEM 8 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, Regarding Tap In Charges

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

Mayor Graham asked City Council members to also explain to their constituents that the City is short approximately \$1 million annually for the tap-in charges. The City estimates this ordinance will cover about \$250,000.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by R. Reckamp to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 9.

ITEM 9 – Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Keck Ridge, 1st Addition

Mayor Graham reminded City Council members of the petition presented earlier by Keck Ridge residents.

ROLL CALL: R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, nay; A. Medford, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, nay; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, nay; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye. Ayes – 10; Nays - 3. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 10.

ITEM 10 – Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Savannah Hills Additions

R. Reckamp stated the subdivision lacks sufficient interconnectivity needed for the City or any other entity to efficiently deliver services.

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

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Rule for 2nd Reading Ordinance Items 11-12 and 14-19. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM 11 – Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of the O'Fallon/Drury Development Business District and Adoption of an O'Fallon/Drury Development Business District Plan (*As Amended*)

ITEM 12 – Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Milburn Estates Subdivision (*As Amended*)

ITEM 14 – Ordinance Declaring the Following Vehicles as Surplus: 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, #8365 and a 1992 Ford MaCoy Miller Econoline 350, #1387

ITEM 15 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 52, Regarding Water Tap Fees

ITEM 16 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 52, Regarding Water Meter Testing Charges

ITEM 17 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Regarding No Parking on Famous Drive

ITEM 18 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Planned Use for National City Bank

ITEM19 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Planned Use for McMillin Realty

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Items 11-12 and 14-19.

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

ITEM 13 – Ordinance for the Amendment of Special Use Procedures Giving the Planning Commission Increased Authority, the Amendment of Home Child Care Zoning Regulation, the Amendment of Garage Conversion for Dwelling Use Zoning Regulation, Increase in Maximum Lot Coverage for SR-3, MH-1, and MH-2 Districts, and the Amendment of Written Protest Procedures **(Placed on hold.)**

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated they met on September 12, 2005; and the minutes are included in their packets. Their next meeting will be September 26, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., which is when the Keck Ridge issue will be discussed. He noted the time of their meetings is being changed from 6:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford said they are scheduled to meet September 26, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True stated their minutes are included from their last meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's City Council meeting to discuss Warrant 96.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 96 in the amount of \$315,915.80.

ROLL CALL: A. Medford, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, 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.

Their next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks/Environment: J. Albrecht said their next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

D. Renner thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Paramedics, and other organizations that participated in the VFW flag retiring ceremony.

Mayor Graham expressed his appreciation to the City's firefighter who returned Saturday night from serving in the Gulf region.

D. Renner noted the VFW sent a truckload of donated supplies to the Gulf region and said they are still collecting items for the relief effort. He asked that only new items donated.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist