



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**December 12, 2005, 7:10 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 November 12, 2005. Call to order 7:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Medford, Schmidt, Boone  
Members Not Present: Bennett, Reckamp  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: John West, Jerry Albrecht, Jerry Mouser, Ned Drolet  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.), Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer), Brent Saunders (OFD), Ted Shekell (Plg. & Zng.), Pam Funk (Admin.), April Mitchell (Intern), Jean Bevington (OPD), Ken and Barbara Stefanovich (Keck Ridge Residents)  
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress; Josh Flint, St. Clair Journal

Chairman True announced that the Committee did not have a Quorum, Minutes of November 14, 2005, would be approved at the next meeting and no Motions would be made; however, recommendations could be made to the Council.

**Old Business**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, updated the Committee on the status of the roundabout. Design is on track, some dilemma on the ownership of the property on the Northwest corner has evolved but Engineering can still make changes on design to alleviate this issue. Mr. Sullivan will continue to keep the Committee updated on the progress of this project.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

7:15 p.m. Alderman Boone entered meeting room and Chairman True declared that a Quorum was present and announced Motion to approve Minutes of November 14, 2005.

Alderman Schmidt made a Motion to accept the Minutes dated November 14, 2005, as presented and Alderman Boone seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Chairman True continued with Old Business hearing none he continued with New Business.

### **New Business**

**Item 1. Four-Way Stop W. Madison at N. Cherry** – Alderman Schmidt requested the Committee to consider suggestions for placement of stop signs:

- 4-way stop at Madison and Cherry
- 4-way at Madison and Oak
- Change the direction of the 2-way stop at Madison and Oak, so Madison stops for Oak.
- Remove 4-way stop at Oak and State; make it a 2-way stop, so Oak stops for State.

Chief Betten provided a Speed Analysis Study (Attached) for the 300 Block of N. Cherry. The Committee reviewed the Study and suggestions and decided to complete another Speed Analysis on Madison when the Railroad Crossing Repairs are completed. (Area Map Attached)

**Action:** Chief to conduct Traffic Study

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item. 2. No parking Prairie Estates Island** – Request was made to the Committee to have no parking along the Prairie Estates Island (Area Map Attached). The residents in this area will be contacted by the Police Department to voluntarily not park on the street and if they, on some occasion need to park on the street, they will be asked to park as closely to the curb as possible. Some emergency equipment can not access the road with cars parked in front of these homes.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item. 3. Traffic Calming Fairwood Hills Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, presented hand outs (attached) to the Committee for consideration of a bicycle path on Fairwood Hills Road. One map outlines the path on Fairwood Hills Road and the other outlines roads near and around Fulton Junior High. Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee that placing the bicycle path on the North side of Fairwood Hills Road would be a calming effect for the Road (Traffic Study Attached). The bicycle path would also enhance prospective residents of another opportunity the City is providing to them. The Committee discussed different ways of providing paths and the decision was to make it a Budget Item for the Engineering Department for 2007.

**Action:** 2007 Engineering Budget

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 4. Main Street Name Issue** – A change in name for Main Street was discussed to distinguish between east and north main. The Committee discussed other possibilities and the decision was made to leave the names as is. Main Street east of town (Market Basket Area) will remain **North Main Street** and Main Street (Jack Schmidt, Shell Station) will remain **Main Street** unless other conflicting information becomes available per Fire Chief Saunders.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 5. Keck Ridge Parking** – Ken and Barbara Stefanovich, Keck Ridge residents, requested the Committee to explore some ideas on the parking situation for the Church in Keck Ridge. Sundays the residents within walking distance of the Church do not have any place to park their own vehicles because the church congregation takes all the available parking from everyone. The Committee discussed several options including resident permit parking only, but with the Church increasing with size this would not alleviate the problem. Mr. Shekell informed the Committee that the Church has contacted the City and plans to expand the parking in the back of the Church. The City is considering allowing a gravel parking lot until the weather becomes manageable to pave the parking lot. The traffic problem may ease with the opening of Hill Top Drive but the parking issue will remain. The Expansion Plan will have to return to the Council for approval and until such time the Chief will enforce illegal parking.

Mr. Stefanovich also informed the Committee that the base from the music of the Church is rattling and vibrating homes that are in close proximity.

**Action:** Chief to enforce illegal parking

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Boone and seconded by Alderman Schmidt. All ayes.**

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**8:30 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

**January 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes Taken By:**

**Jean Bevington**