

**Public Works Committee  
Minutes  
7:00 P.M.; January 23, 2006**

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Works Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on January 23, 2006.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, Drolet, True, West; Absent: Renner

STAFF LIAISON: Denton, Funk, Sullivan

NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: Reckamp, Albrecht, Schmidt, Henry

GUESTS: Dave Pfeifer, Daniel Toberman, John Fair, Lenny Van Driel, Mary Van Driel, Betty Osborne, Beth Reidelberger,

Minutes from November 28, 2005 were approved.

- Item 1. **POI:** Lease, Homecoming Association – Staff has spoken with members of the association since the last committee meeting. The association is concerned about the wording in the lease and would like to speak to the committee about the future of the association's activities at the Public Works Compound. Unfortunately, they were not at the meeting. Therefore, the item will be left open until the next meeting. (Open)
  
- Item 2. **POI:** Storm Water Advisory Committee – The announcement for the meeting to be held on 1/26/06 was included in the agenda packet. All committee members and other council members were urged to attend the meeting. (Open)
  
- Item 3. **POI:** Main Street (Shiloh Road) Re-naming – The Police and Fire Chiefs are not as concerned as first thought about responses to the wrong Main Street in O'Fallon. Staff has also received comments that a change is not warranted from several citizens. As a result, the issue will be dropped from further consideration at this time. (Closed)
  
- Item 4. **AI:** 1204 Falling Spring Court – Staff has proposed a cost sharing plan to the resident; however, since the resident was not at the committee meeting there was no discussion of the plan. It was decided to hold the item over until the next meeting. (Open)
  
- Item 5. **AI:** Water Conservation Ordinance – Staff has not had time to edit the proposed ordinance. So, action on the item was deferred to the next meeting. (Open)

**POI:** Point of Information

**AI:** Action Item

- Item 6. **POI:** Non-Compliance Advisory, Water Supply – This advisory and the Violation Notice that was discussed in the New Business section of the agenda is the basis for the proposed rate increase. (see below) (Closed)
- Item 7. **AI:** Scott AFB Heritage Air Park – The consensus of the committee was that the project should be supported and advised staff to forward to the Council a resolution for approval of an initial sum of \$3,000 plus \$10,000 per year for 5 years to support the construction of the park.
- Motion: Committee recommended Council pass a resolution to support the construction of the park as outlined above. (Closed)
- Item 8. **POI:** E. Washington Street (Behind Dairy) – Staff was directed to negotiate with the Dairy on a possible conveyance of the street stub. (Open)
- Item 9. **POI:** Backyard Fencing Alternatives, Ruth Drive  
Fulton Junior High School Drainage Problems  
PET Dairy Sanitary Problems  
Fairwood Hills Residential Area Flooding  
No Action on the above items was reported. (Open)
- Item 10. **AI:** Elm & Orchard Mine Subsidence Water and Sewer Replacement Bids – Staff reported that bids for the project had been received and that Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. was the low bidder at \$462,663.21. Staff recommended acceptance of the bid.
- Motion: Committee recommended Council pass a resolution to allow the Mayor to accept the low bid and sign contract documents for the construction of the project. (Closed)
- Item 11. **AI:** Veterans' Monument Signage – Betty Osborne and Beth Reidelberger presented the Veterans' Monument Committee's desires for signage directing traffic to the site of the monument. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to have a sign fabricated with "Veterans' Monument" and a star placed upon it using the traditional colors, brown and white, per the usual informational signage standard. (Open)
- Item 12. **POI:** Old Vincennes Road – Staff reported that Darrell Cates, St. Clair County Engineer, had recently reminded staff that per the North Lincoln Avenue reconstruction agreement (1999) signed by the city and county, Vincennes Road is now a city road as we have annexed property adjacent to the roadway. (Closed)

Item 13. **AI:** Burns & McDonnell Professional Engineering Service Contract – Staff provided the committee with a copy of the revised rates for 2006 associated with the yearly service contract, and a nationwide survey of rates for similar labor categories. Additionally, the first proposed task under the new rates, modification of the contract documents for the reconstruction of North Lincoln Avenue (Washington to Jefferson) was provided and discussed.

Motion: Committee recommended Council approve resolutions to allow the Mayor to re-new the professional services contract with Burns & McDonnell, and modify the design of the reconstruction of North Lincoln. (Closed)

Item 14. **AI:** Installation of Sidewalks and ADA Ramps in County ROW – Staff presented a St. Clair County Highway Permit to allow construction of sidewalks by the developers and city along Green Mount Road from Highway 50 to the south. Additionally, as the County seldom incorporates sidewalks in their road reconstructions and the City has to apply by permit for the placement of sidewalk every time that the City or a developer puts sidewalks adjacent to a County road, a single “blanket” resolution by the Council to support all future sidewalk construction in County right-of-way (ROW) was discussed. Under such a resolution, the City Engineer would sign the permit that would request permission to install sidewalk in County ROW. The blanket resolution would provide the County with the documentation they require to show the City is responsible for all future maintenance and liabilities associated with sidewalk construction.

Motion: Committee approved passing the existing permit application to the County supported by a resolution by the full Council, and the creation of a blanket resolution for all future applications. (Closed)

Item 15. **POI:** 1261 Illini – Mr. and Mrs. Van Driel the owners of the property at 1261 Illini attended the meeting and explained their problem with sump pump water disposal. Existing City storm drains are across the street from their residence or several lots away. It was suggested to them that they contact their builder and neighbors asking if they could tie their sump drain into their neighbors existing piping leading to a City storm pipe down the rear lot lines south of their property. (Closed)

Item 16. **POI:** 615 W. Madison – John Fair attended the meeting and explained his problem. He like others in O’Fallon are losing portions of their backyards due to down-cutting of the stream system and the widening of channels after this down-cutting occurs. This is a natural process as part of the evolution of the local topography with time. Unfortunately, as with other property owners with a similar situation, the City at this time can not enter onto private property to correct a problem that is not directly a result of City

infrastructure or action. (Closed)

Item 17. **POI:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity – The City has been informed by IEPA that our request for re-rating of our sanitary sewage treatment plant has been approved. Currently our sanitary plant can support a population increase of about 15,000 persons. (Closed)

Item 18. **AI:** Large Street Signage Procurement and Installation – Staff presented two sole source proposals for installing larger font street signs on local traffic signal masts. This work is supported by \$8,375 in grant money received from the Area Agency on Aging. The work is a pilot program for them within the State of Illinois. After some discussion on the benefits of such work, the consensus of the Committee was to send the proposals to Council for approval. The submission for provision of the signage is \$7,041.77 by United Rentals. The submission for installation is \$9,800.00 by Electrico.

Motion: Committee recommended Council approve motions to allow contracting with United Rentals and Electrico for the signage in support of the agreement with the Council on Aging. (Closed)

Item 19. **AI:** Sludge Lagoon Cleaning Contract – The contractor for the removal project in the summer of 2005 has contacted staff stating he will conduct removal of sludge from the north lagoon in 2006 for the same price he removed sludge from the south lagoon in 2005. Staff recommended the contractor be used again this summer as the job went exceptionally well for the first time in several years.

Motion: Committee recommended Council approve a resolution to allow the Mayor to sign a contract with Merrell Brothers, Inc. of Kokomo, IN for sludge removal for \$74,367. (Closed)

Item 20. **AI:** Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Contract - The contractor that accomplished the miscellaneous concrete repairs to the City's sidewalks, curbs and gutters, street slabs and storm drainage features in 2005 has contacted staff and has stated he will conduct the same work in 2006 for the rates quoted in 2005. Staff recommended the contractor be used again this summer as the job went exceptionally well despite a number of challenging work locations.

Motion: Committee recommended Council approve a resolution allowing the Mayor to extend contract performance with Rite Way Excavating for miscellaneous concrete repairs. (Closed)

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Item 21. **POI:** 1524 Round Top Ridge – Due to time limitations, the item was not discussed. (Open)

Item 22. **POI:** Water Violation Notice – The items in the notice must be cleared expeditiously. This will require a capital expenditure of nearly \$5,000,000, requiring the sale of bonds. As a result, the water/sewer informational meetings discussed a 20% increase in the water rates. Consensus of the committee was to send to Council an ordinance change for the increase in the water rate. Sanitary sewer rates which have been on hold on the Council docket awaiting the outcome of an independent rate analysis need to be raised 15% as shown in the water/sewer informational meetings.

Motion: Committee recommended changes to the current rate ordinances and sending those ordinances to full Council for approval. (Closed)

Item 23. **AI:** Cutter Cartridge Exchange, WWTP Auger Monster – This is a yearly maintenance item to keep the cutter cartridge in a condition to best serve its purpose at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). The cartridge is sent to the original manufacturer for rebuild due the wear it sees in a year's time.

Motion: Committee recommended full Council passage of the purchase order for the exchange, cost \$8,800. (Closed)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 P.M. PREPARED BY: Sullivan

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., to be held in the Mayor's Conference Room or Council Chambers at City Hall dependent upon the number of visitors at the meeting.