



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Dean Rich, Director of Finance
Walter Denton, City Administrator

Date: April 14, 2006

Subject: Ordinance Item #13,14,15 –Home Rule Procedures on Property

List of committees that have reviewed:

Finance and Administration will review before second reading.

Background: The Illinois Secretary of State certified O'Fallon as a Home Rule Unit on 7 April 2006. Under home rule O'Fallon can process property transactions using modern business practices. Excess personal property is a good example, prior to home rule we were required to advertise each sale in a local newspaper and in some cases the advertisement cost far exceeded the sale price of the items. There are similar restrictions on the sale/purchase and lease of property that cause an unnecessary expenditure of time and money beyond normal business practices. The proposed ordinance set out the procedures this council will use to purchase, sell or lease property. The city currently has several property transactions under consideration and it is prudent we complete them under the new council approved procedures. Any changes or additions the council might desire can be added before the second reading.

Legal Considerations, if any: These ordinances were drafted by City Attorney Dale Funk.

Budget Impact: It is anticipated that the streamlining and modernization proposed by these new procedures will reduce the cost of processing property transactions.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval for these ordinances.