



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
May 8, 2006, 7:00 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 May 8, 2006, Call to order 7:34 p.m. (delayed)

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Boone, Medford, Schmidt, Reckamp  
Members Not Present: Bennett  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: Ned Drolet; Jerry Albrecht, John West,  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.), Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer), Jerry Brewer (OFD), Pam Funk (City Admin.), Jean Bevington (OPD), Bill Daly, Resident  
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of April 10, 2006, Alderman Schmidt made a Motion to accept the April 10, 2006, minutes as presented and Alderman Reckamp seconded. All ayes.

**Old Business**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, updated the Committee on the status of the roundabout. Dennis informed the Committee that the City Attorney, Dale Funk, is attending meetings with the parcel owner's Attorney. Mr. Bill Daly, parcel owner, informed the Committee that he has hired an attorney to guide him on this sale. To date three real estate proposals have been offered. Mr. Daly informed the Committee that all three offers were undesirable to him and his attorney. He gave the guidelines of the 1st offer being 40% below market value, the 2nd offer being 25% below market value and the third offer which was only a portion of his parcel was 70% below market value. Walter Denton informed the Committee that decisions of this nature will be made by our City Attorney. Mr. Sullivan will continue to keep the Committee updated on the progress of this project.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Keck Ridge Parking** – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the New Life in Christ Church has completed their parking lot and during the last few Sundays no parking has been permitted on both sides of Planters Crossing. Together with the no parking area and the Church's new parking lot the parking issue with New Life in Christ Church and the residents of Keck Ridge has eased. Chairman True recommended an Ordinance for no parking on both sides of

Planters Crossing be drafted to present to Council. Chief Betten agreed to draft Ordinance.

**Action:** Alderman West to contact Mr. Stefanovich to inform him of the decision of the Committee

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. One-Way Alley** – Dennis Sullivan provided a hand out of a survey (attached) he provided to the residents living on Oak and Cedar Streets that share the common use of the Alley. The survey was to vote on the Alley going one-way South to North or remain a two-way Alley. Ten residents responded to the survey with the vote at 9 to 1 to remain a two-way Alley. Chairman True informed the Committee that he will wait for the remainder of the votes from the other residents given the survey before a decision is made. The previous Motion to make the alley one-way was superseded by this action to finish conducting a survey of owners. If any Committee member disagrees with this action, please advise the Chairman prior to the next meeting.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 4. Litter Sign at Long Drive** – No Report

**Action:** Alderman Bennett to Contact Taco Bell to join in to remove litter

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **New Business**

**Item 1. Lincoln Farms Line-of-Sight Obstruction** – Dennis Sullivan provided a hand out (attached) regarding the trees on the East side of Lincoln Farms just North of Kyle Road to be in the 30' safety triangle for line of sight. Mr. Sullivan provided two pictures with positions of a car at the stop bar and in the actual crosswalk. After discussion, the decision of the Committee is to persuade the resident to trim the trees or remove some of them (six trees).

**Action:** Chief Betten to speak with the property owner

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Storm Sirens** – Chief Betten informed the Committee that all the sirens have been tested and re-tested and all are in working order. He also provided the Committee with a hand out (attached) from the National Weather Service. The hand out provided the information from the National Weather Service from April 2, 2006, which was the date of the Tornado that hit Fairview Heights and O'Fallon. The Storm Sirens have been tested and sounded for similar warnings from the National Weather Service in which the circumstances for Severe Thunder Storms were described similarly as the April 2, 2006, warning and thus the rationale for the sounding of sirens. Chief Betten's decision for the Department to activate sirens is for "Severe Thunder Storms" approaching the O'Fallon Area which include high winds. The Warning Sirens are for Storm Warnings and not just tornados and will be activated under those conditions.

Chief Betten felt the warnings were justified and will allow the Department to activate in the sounding of sirens rather than a decision not to sound them. Possible silent testing of sirens would be attained at a later date; however, during the storm season the testing of the sirens will be sounded.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 3. Opticom** – Alderman Medford inquired about the Opticom System having problems In Belleville and inquired if O’Fallon had any problems with this System. Chief Betten informed the Committee that O’Fallon does not use the Opticom System. O’Fallon Fire and EMS use the GPS Radio Technology Based System. Jerry Brewer, OFD, informed the Committee that the possibility of changing out the present System and upgrading the GPS is in the near future.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reckamp and seconded by Alderman Boone.**

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:21 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>June 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>