

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham. Boy scouts from Pack 46 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, excused; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present; 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 J. Albrecht to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2006, 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. No one responded.

REPORTS:

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

1. Request from the Macoupin County Adopt-a-Pet program to conduct a roadblock on Saturday, November 18, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the intersection of State and Lincoln

P. Goodwin said the applicant works out of Petsmart and has a local O'Fallon address. A representative from Adopt-a-Pet said last year 600 dogs and cats were adopted in O'Fallon, so the funds are used greatly in our city.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve the request. All ayes except for two (N. Drolet and R. Reckamp). Motion carried.

2. Request from the Adopt-a-Pet program via Mary Fitzgerald of Curtain Call to conduct a raffle from November 6 – December 20 to benefit the program

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham read two proclamations:

1. Proclamation declaring November 16, 2006, as "Old Newsboys Day" for their charitable work

Mayor Graham urged residents to support this nonprofit charitable project that has more than 3,000 volunteers. They have raised over \$1 million for local charities.

2. Proclamation declaring November 12, 2006, as "Anne Glasscock Day" in honor of her retirement after 35 years of dedicated service

There will be a reception at the library from 2-4 p.m. in Anne Glasscock's honor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the Omnibus Agreement for Resolution Items 1-8. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Resolution Items 1-8.

ITEM 1 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Hoelscher Engineering for Engineering and Survey Work at 904 Matthew for a cost not to exceed \$12,700

ITEM 2 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Hoelscher Engineering for Engineering and Survey Work at 605 Madison for a cost not to exceed \$18,600

ITEM 3 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Plocher Construction for Security Upgrades for Public Works (Phase II)

ITEM 4 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with LW Contractors for Installation of a 16-inch diameter Water Line along Simmons Road in an amount not to exceed \$144,488

ITEM 5 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates for the Investigation of First Street Sewers in the amount not to exceed \$38,500

ITEM 6 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with FGM Architects for the Design of the new Public Works Building in the amount not to exceed \$65,000

ITEM 7 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Environmental Consultants with Subcontracting to Wellington Environmental for the Asbestos Abatement of the Old Police Station in the amount not to exceed \$30,980

ITEM 8 – Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007

ROLL CALL: M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, 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

M. Bennett raised discussion on Item 11 in comparison to IDOT's requirement for barbwire fencing around the highway intersections. T. Shekell stated IDOT's laws supersede the City's laws in this matter, but he said perhaps this could be discussed with IDOT to see if they would allow the barbwire to be removed.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to consider the Omnibus Agreement for 1st Reading Ordinance Items 9-12. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Items 9-12.

ITEM 9 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Terrace Stop Signs at Crown and Emerald Green, Forest Green at Hillock and Kelly at Hillock

ITEM 10 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, known as GCS Credit Union

ITEM 11 – Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code, Reversing the Repeal in Article XIII, Regarding Fences, Walls, and Hedges

ITEM 12 – Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code to Require Trees around the Perimeter of Parking Lots, Art. XI: Parking and Loading Regulations

ROLL CALL: E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, 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.

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by D. Renner to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 13.

ITEM 13 – Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 3023, Chapter 3, Section 30.02
(A) Compensation

Mayor Graham noted that no aldermen asked to bring this forward. The administration looked at this because under the new law, you must pass any compensation change for any elected official 180 days prior to the next election. If this would pass tonight, it would not become effective until 2009, and future increases would be based on the Social Security COLA. The 2006 COLA was 3.25 percent. The Mayor said the Council's last salary increases were in 2001 and in 1993.

R. Reckamp said the 2001 raise was not a raise in compensation for the aldermen because at the same time of the salary increase, two meetings were deleted from the agenda, so the annual compensation remained the same.

M. Bennett expressed his opinion that the compensation was adequate. He also did not like the idea of automatic increases and not having a cap on the amount of increase in the event of a high inflationary COLA.

J. Boone also did not believe pay increases should be automatic in nature, and he did not feel they should be indexed with COLA but should instead be based on merit.

R. Reckamp said he did not feel the aldermen were being compensated at the going rate. D. Renner agreed.

J. West said the aldermen are working to serve the public and are not doing their job for the money. Mayor Graham pointed out that the increase would only amount to an extra \$120 for each alderman the first year.

R. Reckamp said it has not worked in the past to vote on a raise each year because the aldermen feel it would be viewed negatively by the public; therefore, it has resulted in no salary increases for the aldermen in almost 15 years. Discussion continued regarding justification of a salary increase and if it should be based on the COLA.

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

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Ordinance Item 14.

ITEM 14 – Ordinance Amending zoning for 807 West State Street from B-1 to B-1(P) for the proposed Radloff Veterinary Clinic

ROLL CALL: R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, 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. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Ordinance Item 15.

ITEM 15 – Ordinance Amending zoning for 112 W. Adams from SR-3 to SR-3(P) for the proposed use of a playground for United Church of Christ Sunday School children and New Enterprise Academy students

ROLL CALL: J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, 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. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM 16 – Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 3023, Chapter 3, Section 30.02 (A) Compensation **(Item was not brought forward as it failed at 1st Reading.)**

ITEM 17 – Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of the Savannah Hills Annex Subdivision **(Placed on hold.)**

ITEM 18 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, PUD known as “Shoppes at Green Mount – Lot 6” **(Placed on hold.)**

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated the minutes from the last Community Development meeting were included in the packets. The next meeting will be November 13, 2006, at 6 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford stated they had four items coming out of their October 23 meeting:

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. West to consider the Omnibus Agreement for approval of Items 9, 11, 15 and 17 from the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of October 23, 2006. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. Mouser to approve Items 9, 11, 15 and 17 from the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of October 23, 2006.

(9) Motion to approve the replacement of the Motor Drive at the WWTP with Precision Controls in the amount of \$10,675

- (11) Motion to approve the Drury Inn Reimbursement for Water Main work in the amount of \$17,802
- (15) Motion to authorize the purchase order with Clayco for a Crack Sealer unit in the amount of \$31,885
- (17) Motion to authorize the payment of the waterline work for the Central Park/Regency Park Water Upgrades in the amount of \$229,055.32

ROLL CALL: A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, 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.

The next Public Works meeting will be November 27, 2006, at 7 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True said their next meeting would be November 13, 2006, at 7 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's meeting to discuss Warrant 123.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 123 in the amount of \$1,098,919.19.

ROLL CALL: M. Bennett, 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; A. Medford, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Their next meeting will be November 27, 2006, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks/Environment: J. Albrecht said their next meeting is November 13, 2006, at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Mayor Graham said there was a union formed at City Hall three years ago, and it was recently decertified **at the request of the employees**. Anyone wishing more details on this matter can contact Walter Denton.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by J. Mouser to adjourn. All ayes.
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist