



Public Safety Committee Minutes
November 13, 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 November 13, 2006. Call to order 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Schmidt, Boone, Reckamp, Medford
Members Not Present: Bennett,
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Ned Drolet; Jerry Albrecht, John West,
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.), Brent Saunders (OFD);
Pam Funk (City Admin.), Jean Bevington (OPD), Sara
Braswell, Brian Braswell, Jonathan Griffin, Residents
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress; Jennifer Bowen, News
Democrat, Angie Leventis, STL Post Dispatch

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of October 9, 2006, Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to accept the October 9, 2006, minutes as presented and Alderman Medford seconded.
All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, was unable to attend the meeting and in his absence Chief Betten gave a short update on the status of the Roundabout. The property owners were given the appraisal of the property. Mr. Wolfe's representative had concerns about the parking spaces affected on his property. Chief informed the Committee that only one parking spot would be lost.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. No Parking (Marie Schaefer School) Ordinance Regarding Fire Department Sprinkler Connections – Chief Saunders requested at the previous meeting the Committee consider establishing "No Parking" zones in the area of the Fire Department Sprinkler Connections that are required by code for buildings that have fire sprinkler systems. After researching the "No Parking" legislation, it was discovered that "No Parking" legislation already exists. Chief Saunders provided handouts (Attached) with photos of remote FDC and Building Mounted FDC. Questions can be referred to Chief Saunders.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Fire Department Consultant Visit – Pam Funk, Assistant City Administrator, informed the Committee that Mr. McGrath has met with some of the elected officials concerning their viewpoint on the direction the Fire Department is expanding. He has requested several documents including the Comprehensive Plan, Street Maps, etc. He will continue his research on November 27-29, 2006.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. MPH Signs on Obernuefemann, Porter and Simmons Road – Chief Betten informed the Committee that this request comes from Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, to the Committee for the MPH Signage be posted at 35 MPH. A Motion was made by Alderman Reckamp to recommend to Council the Engineering proposal to post 35 MPH Signage on Obernuefemann, Porter and Simmons Road. Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. 4 Ayes; 1 Nay.

Action: None

Motion: Recommend to Council the Engineering proposal to post 35 MPH Signage on Obernuefemann, Porter and Simmons Road.

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Speeding on Chamberlains Crossing – Chairman True recognized Sara and Brian Braswell and Jonathan Griffin with their request to place a 25 MPH speed limit sign in the Lincoln Farms Area. Residents consider the speed of the traffic unsafe for a residential area and voiced their concerns for children. Chief Betten to provide a Traffic Study and present it to the residents upon completion.

Action: Speed Study

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. Soliciting Permit in General – Chief Betten requested the Committee to consider modifying the City Ordinance on permits which allow soliciting in the City after dark. Chief is receiving complaints from residents who do not like opening their doors to solicitors after dark. The Committee agreed to review this Ordinance. Chief Betten to research wording of present Ordinance(s) and present information to Committee.

Action: Chief to Research Soliciting Ordinance(s)

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 4. December Public Safety Meeting – Chairman True surveyed the Committee on their attendance for the December meeting and finding a majority of Alderman would prefer to skip the December meeting due to other commitments a Motion was presented. Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to skip the December 11, 2006, Public Safety Meeting and Alderman Medford seconded the Motion. All ayes. Chairman True informed the Committee that the next meeting would be January 8, 2007.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Chairman True read a "Thank You Note" from the Reverend Dudley, New Life in Christ Church, for the City's cooperation in solving the parking situation on Keck Ridge.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Reckamp and seconded by Alderman Schmidt.

Meeting Adjourned:	7:29 p.m.
Next Meeting:	January 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington