

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who then 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, present; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present; Dennis Renner, present; Jason Boone, excused; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of the November 20, 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.

Mayor Graham recognized boy scouts from Troop #85 who were in attendance working on their citizenship badges.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: None.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham updated everyone on the City's response to the recent ice storm. He stated that fallen trees in public right-of-ways would be cleaned up by the City. Residents should utilize Waste Management for debris removal, as well as the temporary dumpsite located off Porter Road. The Mayor said it would cost over \$300,000 (58% of the Public Works budget) for City workers to remove the residential debris. He said he will ask City Council to work on a referendum so residents can decide if the City should pick up such debris. The cost would be about \$3-\$5 per house per month, and residents would place tree limbs at the street for City workers to pick up.

Mayor Graham also said residents complained that the temporary dumpsite was not accessible soon enough. He reminded everyone that the storm caused major problems, and City workers did their best to service the community as quickly as possible.

Mayor Graham gave an update on the utility tax, noting the City's bill alone will increase by \$340,000. The City is talking with Ameren and hopes to have some figures to present to residents soon.

The Mayor stated the City opened up a shelter for the first time on Friday night. The 911 Reverse System notified all residents that Central School was available for anyone wishing to stay overnight. Cots were donated by the Red Cross, and salaried City staff spent the night at Central School serving the public.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by E. True to approve Resolution Item 1.

ITEM 1 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Gonzalez Companies for Professional Services to Provide Review, Design and Replacement (Construction Management) Associated with Automated Water Meter Change Out, not to exceed \$130,000

ROLL CALL: M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by E. True to approve Resolution Item 2.

ITEM 2 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Gonzalez Companies for Professional Services to Provide SCADA Software Integration and Construction Management not to exceed \$300,000

ROLL CALL: E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Mayor Graham noted a correction to Item 7 – the address should be 206 West Adams.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to consider the Omnibus Agreement for 1st Reading Ordinance Items 3-7. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Items 3-7 under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

ITEM 3 – Ordinance Declaring the following Vehicles and Office Equipment as Surplus Property: 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, 1995 Ford F150 Truck, 1999 New Holland Front Deck Mower, and various office equipment

ITEM 4 – Ordinance Providing for the Annual Levy for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First day of May 2006 and ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2007

ITEM 5 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

ITEM 6 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Aldi Grocery Store

ITEM 7 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Schedule I, No Parking Zones, 206 W. Adams, south side

ROLL CALL: B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. West to approve Ordinance Item 8.

ITEM 8 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Speed Restrictions, Porter and Simmons Road

ROLL CALL: J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, 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 9 – Ordinance Concerning the Establishment of Special Service Area Number Seven (East Side of Green Mount Road) Frieze Harley-Davidson ***(Placed on hold until 12/18/06.)***

ITEM 10 – Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Special Service Area Number Seven Special Ad Valorem Tax Bonds, Series 2006B, and Providing for the Levy of Direct Annual Taxes on Taxable Property in such Special Service Area for the Payment of Principal of and Interest on those Bonds and Related Matters ***(Placed on hold until 12/18/06.)***

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated they met on November 27, and the minutes were included in the packets. The next meeting will be December 14 at 6 p.m. T. Shekell noted this is a *Thursday* and not Monday, which is the normal meeting day.

Public Works: A. Medford said they met on November 27, and the minutes were included in the packets. Their next meeting will be January 22, 2007, at 7 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True said their next meeting would be January 8, 2007, at 7 p.m. Various safety items will be discussed, and anyone wishing to include an item on that agenda should contact E. True prior to the meeting date.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's meeting to discuss Warrant 125.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 125 in the amount of \$290,661.83.

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, 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.

Their next meeting will be January 22, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

Parks/Environment: J. Albrecht stated their next meeting would be January 8, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by E. True to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist