

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham. Local cub scouts from Den 9 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, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, excused; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Property Tax Increase. Opened to the public at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Graham called three times for public input, but no one responded. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS:

Mayor Graham invited any residents of O'Fallon who would like to speak to the Council to step to the microphone. Mr. Stephen Adams, Assistant Vice President with Bernardi Securities, Inc., presented each Council member with a paperweight as a token of their appreciation for allowing Bernardi Securities to do the City's bond issuance earlier this year for the new Family Sports Park. He commended the City for embarking on this project and for its upgraded bond rating (from A+ to AA-). Mayor Graham thanked Bernardi Securities for their help. Mr. Adams noted that only a handful of communities our size throughout the state have obtained this rating.

Mayor Graham expressed his appreciation to Jim Hursey for the tremendous time he volunteers each year to the City by videotaping City Council meetings, working during Homecoming, etc.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Phil Goodwin wished everyone a Merry Christmas from the Clerk's office.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham invited Police Chief John Betten to make a presentation on Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). Chief Betten stated that more than a year ago they came across CERT and began working with Dale Yonkers, Bob Snyder, and Bob Gauge, who helped the City launch the CERT program. They and others from our community received training and have built a great foundation upon which to develop this program. Chief Betten said the program was put to the test during

the recent ice storm when they decided to open a shelter at Central School for anyone in need for help. Approximately 12 people from CERT volunteered their time and expertise at the shelter, and Chief Betten thanked CERT for their outstanding efforts in this regard. He encouraged residents to become involved in CERT and help grow this program by calling his office at 624-4545.

M. Bennett raised discussion regarding the temporary drop off site for tree branches and asked if it could be extended beyond its expected closure date of December 23. D. Renner and R. Reckamp said they would also like to see it opened past Christmas. Mayor Graham said it would be closed over the Christmas holiday but could possibly reopen for a few days afterward. He said he would get back to them with a decision. The Mayor said approximately 80 residents declared a hardship in having their debris removed, and the City has already been able to help most of these residents, thanks to the help of many volunteers. Mayor Graham reminded residents to consult Channel 10 for size and length limits of tree limbs that are to be picked up by Waste Management.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve Resolution Item 1.

ITEM 1 – Resolution Authorizing the Director of Finance to Secure a Lease/Purchase Agreement for Vehicles for FY 2006/2007

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; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Resolution Item 2.

ITEM 2 – Resolution Creating a Policy Statement Regarding a Joint Land Use Study

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; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve Resolution Item 3.

ITEM 3 – Resolution Approving and Accepting a Subdivision of Land known as the Minor Subdivision of Lots 5 and 6 of the Shoppes at Green Mount

M. Bennett raised discussion regarding who the tenants would be in this development. The Mayor said the tenants are unknown at this point, but he reminded Council members that this would not come up for second reading until January 16. B. Henry said the project and its tenants have been discussed at length in Community Development, and J. Mouser said he believes this will be a very nice development.

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

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 4.

ITEM 4 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Lots 5 and 6 of the Shoppes at Green Mount

M. Bennett requested a recap of the changes to the Ordinance. Mayor Graham said various restrictions were added to the out lot drive-through, the building sizes are not allowed to change significantly without Counsel approval, a consistent sign package was incorporated, etc.

ROLL CALL: R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, nay; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye. Ayes – 12; Nays – 1. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 5.

ITEM 5 – Ordinance Extending the Temporary Supplementary Regulations set forth in Ordinance 3466 until April 30, 2007

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

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to consider the Omnibus Agreement for 2nd Reading Items 6-12. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham asked if Item 11 was for approval of the store entrance. T. Shekell said "yes," this is second reading of the store as initially proposed. He said there has been discussion regarding the location of the entrance pending the cross access decision. Aldi is willing to do cross access, but the owner of the Super Smokers side may not be in agreement. Mayor Graham asked since Aldi's stated they would not go through with the project unless they have cross access, is there any reason to approve this now. T. Shekell said he did not see a problem with approving it now. Discussion ensued regarding the existing cross access and the possible outcomes of this project with and without cross access being granted.

Motion was made by J. Mouser to approve 2nd Reading Items 6-12 under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

ITEM 6 – Ordinance 3491 Concerning the Establishment of Special Service Area Number Seven (East Side of Green Mount Road) Frieze Harley-Davidson

ITEM 7 – Ordinance 3492 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

ITEM 8 – 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 9 – 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 10 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

ITEM 11 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Aldi Grocery Store

ITEM 12 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Schedule I, No Parking Zones, 206 W. Adams, south side

ROLL CALL: T. Bequette, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated they met on December 14, and the minutes were included in the packets. The next meeting will be January 8, 2007, at 6 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford said their next meeting would be January 21, 2007, at 7 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True said their next meeting would be January 8, 2007, at 7 p.m.

Finance/Administration: A. Medford stated they met before tonight's meeting to discuss Warrant 126.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 126 in the amount of \$1, 611,714.87.

ROLL CALL: A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. Boone, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; T. Bequette, 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. He said progress on the new Family Sports Park can be seen by viewing photographs on the City's website.

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 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist