

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by City Clerk Philip Goodwin, who then led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Philip Goodwin called the roll: Nila Grogan, present; Mary Schmidt, present; Ed True, present; Becky Henry, present; Rick Reckamp, present; Jerry Mouser, present; Allen Medford, excused; Michael Bennett, present (arrived at 7:08); Dennis Renner, present; Jason Boone, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by N. Grogan to appoint Alderman Mouser as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

RESIDENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Mouser invited any residents of O'Fallon who would like to speak to the Council to step to the microphone. Kathy Despain-Rogers of 207 Spruce (Westbrook subdivision) addressed the Council. She indicated she has lived at this address since April, 1984, and was recently notified by Spengler Plumbing that she and her neighbor of 301 Spruce *share* a sewer. Spengler Plumbing showed her by running a snake through her sewer that it was not connected to the sewer system but rather connected to her neighbor's sewer. The cost for this bill from Spengler Plumbing was \$435.00. Ms. Despain-Rogers expressed her distress in having to now put in a sewer on her fixed income. She beseeched the City's assistance in this regard, in light of the fact that she has been paying sewer taxes since April of 1984. She also questioned how this could have been overlooked at the time her home was built. Copies of her documentation were given to Dennis Sullivan for the City's review.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Phil Goodwin stated Mayor Graham has appointed Phil Gardner to fill the remaining term of Alderman Tom Bequette of Ward 4. T. Bequette has been hired by the City as a laborer in the Street Department, thus requiring him to resign as Alderman of Ward 4.

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. Albrecht to confirm Philip Gardner for Alderman of Ward 4. All ayes. Motion carried.

Philip Gardner was sworn in as Alderman of Ward 4 at this time by City Clerk Philip Goodwin.

Mayor's Report: On behalf of the Mayor and the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Mouser wished everyone a happy and prosperous 2007.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings – None.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve 2nd Reading Item 1. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM 1 – Ordinance Extending the Temporary Supplementary Regulations set forth in Ordinance 3466 until April 30, 2007

ITEM 2 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 623, Zoning, Development known as Lots 5 and 6 of the Shoppes at Green Mount (***Placed on hold.***)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: Motion was made by B. Henry and seconded by J. West to approve the Special Event Permit request from Drury Inn. J. Mouser explained Drury Inn would like to hang banners and signs on various locations of their property to advertise their hiring campaign, which will run through February 14, 2007. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Mouser stated their next meeting would be January 8, 2007, at 6 p.m.

Public Works: J. Albrecht said their next meeting would 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.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's meeting to discuss Warrant 127. Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve Warrant 127 in the amount of \$360,905.29.

ROLL CALL: M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; B. Henry, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; P. Gardner, 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.

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 J. West to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist