



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**February 12, 2007, 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 February 12, 2007. Call to order 7:06 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, Phil Gardner,  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.), Dean Rich (Finance Director); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (OFD); Jean Bevington (OPD); Julie Jones-Kloeckner and Paul Carpenter, Residents  
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress; Jennifer Bowen, News Democrat

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of January 8, 2007, Alderman Boone made a Motion to accept the January 8, 2007, minutes as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded. All ayes.

**Old Business**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, gave a short update on the status of the Roundabout. Dennis informed the Committee that the landowner rejected the City's offer. The Committee questioned the amount of easement needed from the landowner. Dennis informed the Committee that a land and a construction easement are needed. The Committee questioned the ability to use eminent domain. Dennis was sure that a court process would take a minimum of 6-8 months to process. Walter Denton informed the Committee that more information would be available to them in the Executive Session of the City Council Meeting.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Fire Department Consultant Visit** – Fire Chief Saunders informed the Committee that Mr. McGrath would provide a draft copy of his report before finalizing original. Some of the Aldermen have still not had the opportunity to meet with Mr. McGrath. Chief Saunders informed them that Mr. McGrath would be available to have a conference call if they wished to contact him for an agreeable time.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. Traffic Congestion on Moye School Road (Request for Crossing Guard)** – Alderman West informed the Committee of the results of the sub-committee that was established for the traffic situation at Moye School. A meeting (minutes attached) was held on January 12, 2007, at City Hall. Discussion involved traffic congestion at Moye School Road, parking, speeding, sidewalks and crossing guards. Chief Betten has addressed several problem areas on traffic, parking and speeding issues. Issues to be brought to the attention of the School District are sidewalks, placement of MPH signs on school property, crossing guards and painting the bump outs. Alderman West requested Dennis Sullivan to provide “School Zone” and “School Ahead” signs. Chief Betten to provide temporary signs and keep area on traffic watch.

**Action:** Signs to be provided, Alderman West to contact Principal Burns to approach School District for crossing guard and sidewalks. Dennis Sullivan to provide signs and painting of bump outs. Chief to continue monitoring traffic situation.

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

### **New Business**

**Item 1. Request to lower speed limit to 30 MPH on Old Collinsville Road beginning south bound @ Stone Briar Drive** – Chairman True requested originator to come forward and plea the request to the Committee. Finding no one coming forward, Chairman True directed Chief Betten to inform the Committee on the request for this issue. Chief Betten received this request from a resident of this area informing him that the speed limit is too high. Chief Betten informed the Committee that he monitored this area for traffic flow and speeding and found that the signage was proper for this stretch of Old Collinsville Road. He will continue to monitor and when the weather allows will conduct traffic survey.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 2. FY 2008 Police and EMS Budget Review** – Chief Betten provided the Committee with handouts of the FY 2008 Police and EMS Budgets (attached).

#### **Police Department**

Chief reviewed the increased in salary line item (extra officer and union increase), utilities (price increase), travel (Officer training), Computer supplies (2<sup>nd</sup> installment payment for New World Systems), gas & oil (price increase) Vehicles (add one to fleet).

#### **EMS Department**

Chief reviewed the increase in salary line item (additional EMS Crew for Shiloh Fire House), decrease in part-time salary (increase is absorbed into additional full-time staff), additional line item 4340 computer services (increase), Vehicles (addition of two ambulances) and equipment (increase due to added new equipment for ambulances)

After discussion, Alderman Reckamp made a Motion to accept the EMS and Police Department Budgets as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. All ayes.

Aldermen present requested an additional meeting to review the City's Budget and with a consensus of Aldermen present, a meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2007. Meeting to be held in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** Motion to accept Police and EMS 2008 Budget as presented

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 3. O'Fallon Fire Department Assist** – Chief Saunders informed the Committee that the O'Fallon Fire Department assisted the Mascoutah Fire Department with their City's School Gymnasium fire and the Pasta House blaze in Fairview Heights.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Boone and seconded by Alderman Reckamp.**

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>March 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>