



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**August 13, 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 August 13, 2007. Call to order 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Polites, John Drolet, Schmidt  
Members Not Present: Englar,  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: None  
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton, (City Admin.); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Dean Rich (Finance Director); Jean Bevington (OPD); 3 Representatives from OUSART; Chip Shafer, VFW Post 805 and Jeff Hastings  
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of July 18, 2007, Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the July 18, 2007, minutes as presented and Alderman Drolet seconded. All ayes

**Old Business**

**Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road** – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, gave update on the status of the Roundabout. Dennis informed the Committee that he is going to visit IDOT in Collinsville to inquire what the holdup is in delaying our project. He will update the Committee as soon as information is available to him.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 2. Fire Department Grant (U of I)** – No Report.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. Cross Walk at the new McDonalds Location** – Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee that traffic (pedestrian & cars) could possibly be reduced just by the design of the new traffic flow into the building site. His suggestion to the Committee is to just paint a cross walk and place a basic sign and if traffic congestion does occur to extent that something should be needed, then a

request may be made to McDonalds to help off-set expenses to solve it. A Motion was made by Alderman J. Drolet to proceed with painting a cross walk and adding a basic cross walk sign, Alderman Polites seconded the Motion. All ayes.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** A Motion made to paint a cross walk and add basic sign by the new McDonalds

**Disposition:** Closed

### **New Business**

**1. Lincoln Farm Line-of-Sight Obstruction** – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee of the request to have trees on the East side of Lincoln Farms just North of Kyle Road removed or trimmed from property. Chief Betten informed the Committee that these trees were on private property and that a similar request was applied for in the past and the homeowner fully cooperated with the request. Chairman True appealed to Chief Betten to speak with the resident about trimming the trees to improve the line-of-sight.

**Action:** Chief to contact property owner to trim trees

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**2. Request for Two-hour Parking Limit Sign for Business on West 7<sup>th</sup>** – Chief Betten explained to the Committee that Romanos License Service has cars parked for 24 hours in front of their business on the North side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The South side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street has a 1 hour limit of parking. This Business owner would like to have 2 hour parking limit in front of his business. The Committee discussed this issue and a Motion was made to limit parking for 1 hour on the North side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street to be consistent with other 1 hour parking limit signs. A Motion to recommend to Council to place a 1 hour parking limit sign on the North side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street was made by Alderman John Drolet and seconded by Alderman Polites. All ayes.

**Action:** Chief to Amend Ordinance

**Motion:** Motion to place 1 hour parking limit sign on North Side of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street

**Disposition:** Closed

**3. Sports Park Speed Limit** - Chief Betten requested a 20 MPH speed limit be set for the new Sports Park. The Committee discussed this request and a Motion was made by Alderman Polites to implement the 20MPH speed limit in the new Sports Park and Alderman John Drolet seconded the Motion. All ayes.

**Action:** Chief to Place into Ordinance

**Motion:** Motion made to implement a 20 MPH Speed Limit in the new Sports Park

**Disposition:** Closed

**4. Road Blocks** – Request made to Walter Denton from an O'Fallon Resident to have road blocks eliminated because of the safety issues, delays in traffic, annoyance to people, liability for the City if accident occurs, etc. The Committee allowed several of the City's organizations present (OUSART, VFW, etc.) to

present their views on this issue. Walter also informed the Committee that a limit has been placed on afternoon hours, restriction to week-ends only and several attempts to discontinue this practice has been discussed in the past. After careful consideration, A Motion was made by Alderman John Drolet to recommend to Council to allow the road blocks to continue with all restrictions still in place and limit the hours to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. till Noon, Alderman Polites seconded the Motion. All ayes.

**Action:** Chief Betten to Amend Ordinance

**Motion:** Motion made to limit hours of road blocks from Friday 8:00 am. – Noon and

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – Noon with all other restrictions still in place.

**Disposition:** Closed

**5. Stop Sign at Joshua at Brandonwood** – Chairman True brought to Committee a request by a resident who wants a stop sign placed at Joshua at Brandonwood. The Committee discussed these roads and determined that both are cul-de-sacs and did not have the traffic volume to warrant a stop sign. The request was denied.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**6. O’Fallon Homecoming** – Chief Betten informed the Committee that Homecoming went well with very minor incidents and would like to keep the closing time at 10:30 p.m.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**7. Roundabout at Seven Hills and Vincennes Trail** - Chairman True conveyed to Committee the traffic flow on Seven Hills Road to increase with the New Junior High in construction presently. Chairman True questioned Dennis Sullivan on the possibility of a roundabout and costs associated with this project. Dennis informed the Committee that costs could vary depending upon who designs it and who funds it, City funds vs. Federal funds and other associated grant agencies. Chairman True informed the Committee that he wants to keep ahead of the traffic issues with new growth in this area of the City.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Polites and seconded by Alderman John Drolet.**

<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>7:58 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>September 10, 2007</b>
<b>Minutes Taken By:</b>	<b>Jean Bevington</b>

