

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham, who then led the "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, called the roll: Nila Grogan, present; Mary Schmidt, present; Ed True, present; Dan Polites, present; Rick Reckamp, present; Jerry Mouser, excused; John Drolet, present; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present; Dennis Renner, present; Steve Engler, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2007, meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Annexation agreement for Southview Village. Opened to the public at 7:02. Mayor Graham called twice for public hearing, but no one responded. Public hearing was continued until September 4, 2007, to allow the residents of that area more time for further comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m. with continuance through September 4, 2007.

RESIDENTS: Mayor Graham asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Council to step to the microphone. Ms. Sharon Williams-Johnson asked to speak. Ms. Williams-Johnson operates Williams-Johnson Properties. She raised discussion regarding 302 and 304 Estate Drive, indicating these properties are negligent in keeping properties clean and orderly. This is interfering with Williams-Johnson Properties' ability to lease surrounding properties. She commended the Police Department for patrolling the area but suggested it has not been enough to remedy the situation. She solicited the assistance of her aldermen in seeking a fresh approach to this problem. Mayor Graham asked that she leave her contact information with Walter Denton so her aldermen would contact her.

REPORTS:

Mayor Graham introduced Miss O'Fallon, Jamie Johnson, who gave a presentation on the Year in Review. She talked about all the parades, ceremonies, and events she participated in during the last year. Miss Johnson said this experience has taught her many life skills and given her the opportunity to witness and learn so much. She thanked the City officials and community leaders for including her in these events and making her feel so special. Miss Johnson will be attending SIUE this fall.

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Philip Goodwin presented two requests:

1. Request from the Quilters O'Fallon UCC to conduct a raffle from August 20, 2007 – December 13, 2007 for a quilt

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by E. True to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Request from the O'Fallon Rotary Club to sell alcohol at the Katy Cavins Community Center on November 17, 2007 for the Moye Elementary School Auction

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by E. True to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Graham invited Chief John Betten to announce the Police Department promotions. Chief Betten stated there are two promotions that are resulting from the recent retirement of Lt. Pat Beller after 25 years of service. Sgt. Mick Hunter was promoted to the position of Lieutenant, and Officer Rob Schmidtke was promoted to the position of Sergeant. Commissioner Horace Humphreys gave the oath of office to both men. Chief Betten also announced the recent promotion of Michelle Fulton to the position of supervisor over the dispatchers.

Mayor Graham recommended the reappointment of Larry Morrison, Linda Kahley, and Dennis Grimmer to the Library Board. Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the reappointments. All ayes. Motion carried.

M. Bennett announced the first football game for OTHS would be this Friday night. He also stated the OTHS band craft fair that is held the first weekend of November has openings for crafters. Interested parties should contact the school for more information.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. West to approve Resolution Item 1.

ITEM 1- Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Gonzalez Companies for the Construction Management of the Public Works Water Storage Building at a cost not to exceed \$76,890

ROLL CALL: M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham noted Items 2-4 would be voted on after Executive Session.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. West to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 5.

ITEM 5 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Parking Schedules, Schedule II, Limited Parking Zones regarding the South Side of West Seventh Street

D. Renner asked for clarification on what portion of West 7th Street will be affected. Mayor Graham said it would be the first 50 ft. of the north side of West 7th from Lincoln for one hour.

ROLL CALL: E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. West to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 6.

ITEM 6 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Traffic Schedules, Schedule I, regarding Speed Limits in the Family Sports Park

ROLL CALL: D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by N. Grogan to place on 1st Reading Ordinance Item 7.

ITEM 7 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 3166, Chapter 111, Section (D) (4), regarding hours that solicitation is permitted

Mayor Graham explained the purpose of the ordinance is to restrict charity roadblocks hours of operation from 8 a.m. until noon. They can currently be held any time between sunrise and sunset.

D. Renner stated these charities are needed more than ever in this day and age. He spoke to several businesses in the areas of the roadblocks, and they do not have a problem with the current hours of operation. He didn't want to hamper these organizations from helping the citizens of O'Fallon. N. Drolet stated the roadblocks pose a safety issue on State Street, and he felt the ordinance should be strengthened

even further by requiring all roadblock participants immediately vacate the intersections at the first sound of any siren.

Discussion continued regarding morning traffic vs. afternoon traffic and various safety issues.

ROLL CALL: J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, nay; D. Renner, nay; S. Engler, nay; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, nay; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, nay; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye. Ayes – 8; Nays - 5. Motion carried.

M. Bennett asked if the organizations who normally conduct roadblocks were aware of this change. J. Drolet stated 3 of the 4 organizations were present at the committee meeting, and none of them objected to the restriction in hours.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by E. True to approve 2nd Reading Ordinance Item 8.

ITEM 8 – Ordinance Declaring the following vehicles as surplus property and for sale: 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix and a 1988 Kut-Kwick Slope Mower

ROLL CALL: A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: E. True stated the minutes from their last meeting are included in the packets. Motion was made by E. True and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve the Special Event Request from the First United Methodist Church to hold Crop Walk 2007. All ayes. Motion carried.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, at 6 p.m.

Public Works: A. Medford said their next meeting will be Monday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

Public Safety: E. True said they met on August 13 and the three motions coming out of that meeting have already been covered. Their next meeting will be September 10 at 7 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West stated they met before tonight's meeting to discuss Warrant 142. Motion was made by J. West and seconded by D. Polites to pay Gifts for Individuals \$161.02.

ROLL CALL: M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, abstain; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, abstain; A. Medford, aye. Ayes – 11; Nays – 0; Abstains - 2. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to pay Warrant 142 in the amount of \$790,604.90.

ROLL CALL: D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye. All ayes . Motion carried.

Their meeting of August 22 will be canceled.

Parks/Environment: Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by E. True to approve the low bid from Visions Innovated Products for Picnic tables and trash receptacles in the amount of \$37,373.80. M. Schmidt asked if this included any type of recycling receptacles, and Mary Jeanne Hutchison said it did not.

ROLL CALL: S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by R. Reckamp to go into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. regarding purchase of property, EMS contract, and Laborer's contract.

ROLL CALL: N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 8:08 p.m. City Council members returned from Executive Session.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. West to approve the EMS contract.

ROLL CALL: J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. Albrecht to purchase property at 410 East Washington.

ROLL CALL: J. Albrecht, aye; N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, nay; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye. Ayes – 12; Nays - 1. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by E. True to approve the Laborer's contract.

ROLL CALL: N. Grogan, aye; M. Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites; aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Drolet, aye; A. Medford, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; S. Engler, aye; N. Drolet, aye; J. West, aye; J. Albrecht, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Renner asked if parking on City parking lots for extended periods was allowed, such as for a motor home. Chief Betten said as long as it meets the size and weight requirements for those restrictions, there is no ordinance on the books that restricts this type of parking, as long as it does not turn into an abandoned vehicle or other safety issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by J. Albrecht to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Sharon L. Wisely, Transcriptionist