



Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 10, 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 September 10, 2007. Call to order 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Polites, J. Drolet, Schmidt, Englar
Members Not Present: (all present)
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Jerry Albrecht; Rick Reckamp, John West, Dennis Renner, Allen Medford,
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton, (City Admin.); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Dean Rich (Finance Director); Brent Saunders, OFD; Dan Bowman, Eng.; Douglas Scott OSVCFPD; Steve Ellerbrake, New Enterprise Academy, Bonnie Reding, SIU-E; Jean Bevington (OPD);
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested to add to the Agenda No. 4 Stop Sign at Joshua @ Brandonwood and No. 5 Four-Way Stop @ Cherry and Adams. Hearing no objections Chairman True proceeded to address Agenda Items for residents that were present to plead their requests.

New Business

Item 4. Stop Sign @ Joshua and Brandonwood – Chairman True asked the Committee to re-consider placing a stop sign at Joshua @ Brandonwood and requested resident to come forward and address the Committee. Having no one present to address this request, Chairman True and 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. This second request was denied.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 5. Four-Way Stop @ Cherry and Adams – Chairman True acknowledged Steve Ellerbrake a representative from New Enterprise Academy to address the Committee. Mr. Ellerbrake provided a visual presentation (slides attached) to the Committee. The presentation focused on the need of the four-way stop for the safety of the students that attend New Enterprise Academy. Discussions on placing an additional cross-walk for both directions, traffic studies, speeding and the four-way stop were examined and deliberated. A Motion was made by Alderman Reckamp to do traffic study on Cherry & Adams and seconded by

Alderman J. Drolet. All ayes. Chairman True requested Chief Betten to provide study. The Committee reviewed the slides again and determined the safety position for the students attending the Academy and agreed to provide 4-way stop signs. A Motion was made by Alderman J. Drolet to recommend to Council 4-way stop signs be placed at Cherry and Adams, Alderman Polites seconded the Motion. Ayes 4, Nay 1. Motion Carried.

Action: Chief Betten to provide Traffic Study

Motion: A Motion was made by Alderman Reckamp to do traffic study on Cherry & Adams and seconded by Alderman J. Drolet. All ayes
A Motion was made by Alderman J. Drolet to recommend to Council 4-way stop signs be placed at Cherry and Adams, Alderman Polites seconded the Motion. Ayes 4, Nay 1. Motion Carried.

Disposition: Closed

Chairman True continued the meeting with a Motion to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2007, Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the August 13, 2007, minutes as presented and Alderman J. 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 signed the Real Estate check list and the Design Engineers, Horner and Shifrin, are to update and review the specs by October 1, 2007. He is working on a bid opening for January 1, 2008.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Fire Department Grant (U of I) – Chief Saunders informed the Committee the project was moving forward and is scheduled to be completed by June, 2008. The project is being built on the Scott Air Force Base training grounds which O’Fallon Fire Department has access. Chief Saunders will keep the Committee updated on future developments.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business Continued

Item 1. No Parking on Dustin during Soccer Season – Chief Betten informed the Committee that, Barry Smith, resident of Dustin, requested to prohibit the parking on Dustin during soccer season. Chief informed the Committee that Dustin ends at the soccer fields and the parents park their cars and walk on to the playing fields. The time the cars are actually on the streets is only a few hours. The Committee reviewed this request and hearing no other information from other sources, denied request.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Fire Department Study Implementation – Walter Denton, City Administrator, addressed the Committee on this issue. Walter informed the Committee that information that was disseminated to the Committee and to the Fire Department from the McGrath Study put in perspective some legal pay issues that need to be resolved. In order to remedy this dilemma the O’Fallon Fire Department needs to become a Department of the City with the appointment of a Fire Chief. Walter provided a hand out of an Ordinance (Attached) The Ordinance creates the establishment of the City of O’Fallon Fire Department as an official Department of the City to include:

1. Appointment of a Fire Chief by the Mayor, with majority vote of the City Council
2. Fire Chief to have a Staff with various ranks
3. Fire Department to have an annual Budget (OSVCFPD will write check to City instead of OFD)
4. Members of the O’Fallon Fire Department will become employees of the City of O’Fallon
5. Fire Chief to report to the Director of Public Safety

Walter reviewed all items and answered questions from all aldermen, Chief Betten and Chief Saunders. A Motion was made by Alderman Schmidt to recommend to Council to establish and recognize the O’Fallon Fire Department as an official Department of the City and hire a Fire Chief and Staff with various ranks to report to the Director of Public Safety. Alderman J. Drolet seconded the Motion All ayes.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Review of All Stop Signs in City – Chairman True requested the Committee to consider a review of current stop signs. Chairman True felt the City still had signs it had placed years ago and questioned the present necessity of these signs. The Committee felt the signs that are in place are effective and residents are familiar with their established presence and no need to remove.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Addressed Above

Item 5. Addressed Above

Item 6. Place a Cross Walk at Hartman Lane & Crown – A request was made to place a cross Walk at Hartman Lane and Crown for the students at Central School. The Committee was informed this area belongs to the County and needs their approval for a cross walk. Chairman True requested Dennis Sullivan to write a letter to the County to request cross walk.

Action: Dennis to write letter to County

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman J. Drolet and seconded by Alderman Schmidt.

Meeting Adjourned:	8:10 p.m.
Next Meeting:	October 8, 2007
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington