

**Public Works Committee  
Minutes  
7:00 P.M.; September 24, 2007**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on September 24, 2007.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, N. Drolet, Reckamp; Absent: Bennet, Engler  
STAFF LIAISON: Denton, Funk, Rich, Bell, Gentry  
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: Schmidt, West, J. Drolet, Albrecht, True  
GUESTS: Georgia Hillyer, Dave Pfeifer,

Minutes from August 27, 2007 were approved.

Item 1. No Action/Deferred Items:  
Water Conservation Ordinance  
E. Washington Street (Behind Dairy)  
Vehicle Weight Restrictions on Local Roadways  
Water Rate Ordinance Change  
Sanitary Sewer Rate Ordinance Change  
Crown Pointe Subdivision Infrastructure  
No Action on the above items was reported. (Open)

Item 2: **AI:** Ordinance Change Section - 131.08, Hunting - Staff requested permission to allow the taking of waterfowl at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Due to the IEPA near zero-limit on fecal matter in our discharge, waterfowl have become a nuisance to the plant operation, causing fecal coliform to show up in water test results above permitted limits. The Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) is O.K. with this if the hunters are licensed with the State. We have not received any negative calls or comments from the public on the proposed ordinance change, since its introduction at the last Public Works Committee meeting and its coverage in the Progress. (Closed)

Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval of the ordinance change to the full Council.

Item 3: **AI:** New Roof on Fire Station #1 Bid - Staff presented the bid results for the new roof. A total of 4 bids were received. The low bid for the construction is \$46,303.00. The low bid was submitted by Kruep Construction, Inc. of O'Fallon, Illinois. It will be a shingled, hip roof to replace the failing flat roof membrane. Chief Saunders has indicated there is money in the Fire Department budget for this project. (Closed)

Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval to Council, the low bid by Kruep Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$46,303.00.

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- Item 4: **AI:** Water Tank Painting Bid - Staff presented the bid results for the water tank painting. A total of 10 bids were received. The low bid for the project is \$60,000.00. The low bid was submitted by Preferred Tank & Tower of Evansville, Indiana. This work was included in the approved Water Operations budget. (Closed)
- Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval to the full Council, the low be accepted from Preferred Tank & Tower in the amount of \$60,000.00.
- Item 5. **AI:** Dumpster Enclosure Bid - Staff presented the recent bid results for two dumpster enclosures – one at City Hall, the second at Rock Springs Park. A total of 5 bids were received. The low bid for the project is \$10,800.00. The low bid was submitted by Liberating Solutions Corporation of Crystal Lake, Illinois. They are a veteran's group who is supplemented by state and federal job training grants to provide work training for veterans attempting to get back into the job market. (Closed)
- Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval to the full Council, the low bid from Liberating Solutions Corporation in the amount of \$10,800.00.
- Item 6. **AI:** 1253 Illini ERT Appeal – Mr. Metzger is protesting his ERT damage charge. Staff reported that we are following our procedure on charging the owner of the property for physical damage to the ERT. Three staff members have reviewed the damage to the ERT in question. It appears to be an aerator size hole punched through the ERT top. Committee recommended denial of the appeal. (Closed)
- Item 7. **AI:** Directional Bore Proposal – Staff informed the committee on the work that John Presley, O'Fallon Information Technology Manager did to find a qualified contractor to perform this work. The boring and Installation of a 2" diameter conduit under a portion of the old First Bank facility to City Hall is the first step in allowing the two buildings to be tied together with a communications link. Committee questioned if the quote was still good based on the date of the quote. The February date is incorrect. The quote was provided within the past 30 days. (Closed)
- Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval of the work by Lil Rock Electrical Const., Inc. in the amount of \$9,750.00.
- Item 8. **POI:** Stormwater Utility – Staff presented information on the possibility of putting the stormwater utility issue on a February 2008 referendum as an information only at this point. Staff discussed that there are a number of people impacted by stormwater problems at this point in the City's history. In previous customer service surveys sent to a random sampling of citizens by the City, the indication has been that overall our residents feel there is a problem, but generally do not support a separate stormwater utility fee.

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Members of the committee asked how would a City utility work if the County imposed a stormwater utility through a referendum vote at a later date as possible based on recent state legislation. Staff reported that a couple of opinions have been advanced to date, but none are conclusive. Further, the question was asked if our ordinance could be written such as if the County in-acts a fee that the City would not or abandon its program at that point. As the ordinance to create a City utility would be passed by the O'Fallon City Council based on the local referendum vote, then the Council could easily pass an ordinance disbanding the local utility if the County were to in-act one. (Open)

Item 9. **POI:** Water Lateral Repair Program - Staff presented information on the possibility of putting the Water Lateral Repair Program on a February 2008 referendum for voter acceptance. For \$1 per month charge, the City would up the liability for the lateral repair from the meter to the home – a homeowner responsibility currently. This is not a new concept in the Metro St. Louis area. St. Louis County voters approved and St. Louis County government has put in place a program which is basically insurance against a future \$1,000+ cost. (Open)

Item 10. **POI:** Sewer Lateral Repair Program – Staff presented information on the possibility of putting the Sewer Lateral Repair Program on a February 2008 referendum. For what is now seen as a \$2.40 per month charge, the City would pick up the liability for the sewer lateral from the main to the home should it need repair. Currently it is the homeowner's responsibility. As with the water lateral repair program, this is not new in the Metro area. Several cities in the Metro West and St. Louis County have similar programs that were approved by the voters. (Open)

Item 11. **AI:** Used Forklift Purchase – Staff has been looking for a used forklift to satisfy the need to lift pallets to the mezzanine of the new Public Works Storage Facility. This item was been budgeted for in the current operating budget. A new forklift would be approximately \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The price of the used forklift is \$10,200.00. There is a one year warranty on the engine. The forklift is a 2001 Yale 6000 and does run on propane for use indoors. (Closed)

Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval of the E. J. Equipment forklift proposal in the amount of \$10,200.00.

Item 12: **AI:** Gonzalez Proposal for Electronic Valves and SCADA Calibration for the O'Fallon Water System – Staff informed the committee that the existing altitude valves that control filling and emptying of our water towers have become maintenance headaches and do not allow us to positively control our tanks. Gonzalez will under this proposal specify, obtain and install the

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valves and then recalibrate the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to allow for both automatic and manual control of the tank levels. (Closed)

Motion: Committee moved to recommend approval of the Gonzalez Companies, LLC proposal in the amount not to exceed \$28,772.00.

Item 13. **POI:** Carriel Jr. High School Connecting Sidewalk - The existing sidewalk along Seven Hills Road stops at the northern boundary of The Estates at Prairie Crossing. Approximately 600 feet of sidewalk along Seven Hills Road is needed to connect the new junior high school with the existing sidewalk of the Estates. Staff is working with District 90's engineer to get a sidewalk in place there, but there are utility conflicts and possible easements to be garnered. The cost to the City is anticipated to be around \$35,000 based on current planning of sidewalk, retaining wall and utility movement cost as well as the engineering to lay it out. It was asked if the City would be putting sidewalk further to the north. Currently, the area is in the Township and we don't have jurisdiction. Staff was asked to contact the Township for a possible joint project. (Open)

Item 14: **POI:** Cobra Software for Sewer Lines Camera Truck – Staff is still researching the software so this was informational. Based on everything to date, staff anticipates taking this to Council in the near future as our existing software has failed and there is no support due to its age. As a result, our camera truck cannot record inspections or recover past inspections via wireless connection. A serious impact to our daily operations, minimizing the use of this valuable asset in our operations. (Open)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 P.M.

PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., to be held in the Mayor's Conference Room or Council Chambers at City Hall dependent upon the number of visitors at the meeting.