



Public Safety Committee Minutes
January 14, 2008, 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 January 14, 2008. Call to order 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, J. Drolet, Polites
Members Not Present: Schmidt, Engle
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Rick Reckamp, John West, Jerry Albrecht; Ned Drolet, Allen Medford
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Pam Funk (Assistant City Admin.); Brent Saunders (OFD); Jean Bevington (OPD); John Prather, President Steeplechase Homeowners Association; Joyce Hillebrand, Resident
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of December 10, 2007. Alderman J. Drolet made a Motion to accept the December 10, 2007, minutes as presented and Alderman D. Polites seconded. All ayes

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that the State receives bids on Friday, January 18, 2008, and the City should know who the contractor is by Monday or Tuesday of next week. Dennis also informed the Committee that State Street should be open at all times unless notice is given to the City prior to closing. The contract specifies 45 construction days, not including rain days. Dennis will keep the Committee updated on this project.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. MPH Signage on Vincennes Trail – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee that the request to place a MPH Sign going west on State from Vincennes trail has not yet been placed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Chairman True informed the Staff that Agenda Item 3. New Business December, 2007 – Trim or Cut down Barrier of Bushes on Wesley – Marina

Butler who requested item on the Agenda informed Chairman True that all of the bushes should be removed from the sidewalk (easement) in the 200 Block of East Wesley North Side. After discussion, the Committee felt the decision and labor provided by the Building and Zoning Supervisor was sufficient. No other actions will be performed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

New Business

Item 1. Fire Chief Process – Chief Betten addressed the Committee and provided a handout (attached) with a proposal to hire The McGrath Consulting Group for the selection process of hiring the Fire Chief. The Chief informed the Committee that the Consulting Group would assist the City in the expertise in providing the Fire Chief Job Description, Salary Range in accordance with full-time City Department Head structure and a nation-wide search for the best available candidate for this position. The cost of hiring this Group is \$15,000. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of hiring this Group but the consensus of the Committee was to allow the selection of the Fire Chief to be done in-house by the City Administrator, the Assistant City Administrator, Chief Betten with final selection by the Mayor with Council approval. The \$15,000 expense, per the Committee, was determined to be an unnecessary expense for this selection. Chairman True canvassed the Committee for a Motion to recommend to Council the hiring of The McGrath Consulting Group but hearing none, the selection per the recommendation of the Committee, will be handled by the City.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. MPH Signage on Rutherford Ridge – Chairman True recognized John Prather, President Steeplechase Homeowners Association and Ms. Joyce Hillebrand, resident of Steeplechase Subdivision. Ms. Hillebrand addressed the Committee with her request to place two 25 MPH Speed Limit Signs at the entrance of Rutherford Ridge. She informed the Committee that presently there are no signs posted on this Street. The Committee reviewed Ms. Hillebrand's request and the decision was granted by the Committee for the MPH Signage on Rutherford Ridge. Placement of the signs will be at the discretion of Dennis Sullivan.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	8:07 p.m.
Next Meeting:	February 11, 2008
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington