



Public Safety Committee Minutes
March 10, 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 March 10, 2008. Call to order 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, J. Drolet, Polites, Schmidt, Engler
Members Not Present:
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Rick Reckamp, John West, Allen Medford, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Admin.); Dean Rich (Finance Director); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Jean Bevington (OPD); and one O'Fallon resident
Media Persons Present: Dan Toberman, Progress

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of February 11, 2008. Alderman Polities made a Motion to accept the February 11, minutes as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded.
All ayes

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Obernuefemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, gave update on roundabout to Chief Betten as he was unable to attend meeting. Chief Betten informed the Committee that all the Bids are in the IDOT Office for their review and selection. No costs were announced.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. City Hall Security – Chief Betten, Walter Denton, Dean Rich, Dan Bowman and others from City Hall Staff are carefully considering options to protect the employees, Aldermen and visitors to City Hall during working hours, Staff Meetings, Council Meetings and Committee Meetings. Some highlights of the considerations are:

1. Crises and Response Training for everyone
2. Future building improvements to include more security (less public area)
3. Move meetings to the newly purchased bank building
4. Add protective glass (bullet-proof) in front of Water Dept. Counter
5. Eliminate free movement within City Hall during committee meetings
6. Close City Hall during Council Meetings and only leave Council Chambers open
7. Metal Detectors
8. Installation of Panic Button or install one in the telephone system

The consensus of the Aldermen is to keep the "home town" feeling when residents enter City Hall and using some of the above techniques may eliminate this ambiance. Walter Denton and Chief Betten and their Security Committee will try to incorporate the home town atmosphere while also providing the best possible protection they can provide to the employees and City Officials.

Action: None
Motion: None
Disposition: Open

Item 2. East Gate and Hwy 50 – Alderman Ned Drolet addressed the Committee on Hwy 50 and East Gate in the area of the Comfort Inn. He is concerned of the many accidents of motorist trying to locate the Comfort Inn. Chief Betten to identify accident data and possibly contact the Comfort Inn to suggest a larger sign or possibly place sign at an easier point of entrance.

Action: None
Motion: None
Disposition: Open

Item 3. Lighting on Seven Hills Road and Sports Park Entrance –

Residents have contacted Aldermen regarding the absence of street lights on these roads especially in the area of the new Jr. High on Seven Hills Road. Walter Denton addressed the Committee on the Seven Hills issue. The Jr. High has not as yet been annexed to the City so there is no jurisdiction in this area. However, Walter felt the problem could solve itself when the school adds lighting to their driveway and buildings. Obernuefemann in the area of the Sports Park Entrance to be addressed in the Obernuefemann Road Improvement Project and lighted areas to include the sports park entrance

Action: None
Motion: None
Disposition: Closed

Item 4. 3-Way Stop at Picketts Run and Lincoln Farm Road – Chief Betten read letter from a Mark Hoerner, eight years old, who rides his bike on Picketts Run, Round Top Ridge and Lincoln Farm Roads. Mark feels a 3-way stop is necessary at Picketts Run and Lincoln Farm Road. The Committee reviewed this area and the consensus of the Committee is that a 3-way stop is not warranted. Chief Betten to inform Mark Hoerner

Action: Chief to write letter to Mark Hoerner
Motion: None
Disposition: Closed

Item 5. Hiring Status of Fire Chief – Chairman True inquired about the status of hiring the new Fire Chief. Pam Funk, Assistant City Administrator, informed the Committee that 41 applications have been received. Human Resources and the Selection Committee chose the four top candidates with two alternates. Two of the four candidates agreed to attend the assessment meeting on March 29. If the other two do not respond, the two alternates will be asked to participate.

Action: None
Motion: None
Disposition: Closed

Motion to adjourn was made by Committee Chairman True and seconded by Alderman Schmidt. All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned:	8:10 p.m.
Next Meeting:	April 14, 2008
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington