



Public Safety Committee Minutes
April 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 April 14, 2008. Call to order 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, J. Drolet, Polites, Schmidt
Members Not Present: Engler
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Rick Reckamp, John West, Allen Medford, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Dean Rich (Finance Director); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Ted Shekell (Planning Director); Jean Bevington (OPD); Cleo Kidwell, Sandra Worms, Gerald Worms, Residents
Media Persons Present: Georgia Hillyer, Progress

Chairman True requested the Committee to begin with **New Business Item 3. Parking 120 W. 5th Street.** Hearing no objections Chairman True proceeded to address Agenda Item 3 for residents that were present to plead their requests.

New Business

Item. 3. Parking 120 W 5th Street – Ted Shekell, City Planning Director, addressed the Committee on behalf of Ms. Kidwell and Ms. Worms. Ms. Kidwell owns and operates the "Kut n Kurl" Beauty Salon on 5th Street. Ms. Kidwell has been at that location for 30 years. Her clients are mostly elderly women in wheel chairs and walkers. Ms. Kidwell's problem is with the neighbor's using parking spaces in front of and along side her business when there is ample parking in driveways and behind their homes (photos attached). The neighbor's leave their cars parked all day long and Ms. Kidwell's clients must be dropped off in the middle of the street or park down the street where they have to walk or have someone push them in their wheel chairs. Ted addressed the Committee for a resolution to this situation. A handicapped parking space and loading lanes were discussed, however, there are restrictions that apply on these suggestions. Ms. Kidwell also suggested having a time restriction on parking places, she would only need the times between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. The Committee discussed restricted parking and a Motion was made By Alderman Polites to limit parking to two hours at 120 W 5th Street and N. Cherry adjacent to property at 120 W. 5th Street. Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. All ayes

Action: Signs to be placed

Motion: Motion was made By Alderman Polites to limit parking to two hours at 120 W 5th Street and N. Cherry adjacent to property at 120 W. 5th Street. Alderman Schmidt seconded the Motion. All ayes

Disposition: Open

Item 4. Sump Pump Draining onto Private Property at 120 W 5th Street (Not on Agenda) – Mrs. Kidwell also addressed the Committee regarding her neighbor's drain pipe from their sump pump which is angled at her property and as a result, water drains into her business. She has ruined carpets, floors and has other water damage. The Committee consensus was that this issue belongs to and will be sent to the Public Works Committee.

Action: Sent to Public Works Committee

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of March 10, 2008. Alderman Polities made a Motion to accept the March 10, 2008, minutes as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded. All ayes

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that work would begin Wednesday, April 16, 2008. He will keep the Committee updated on further developments.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. City Hall Security – Chief Betten and his Staff are arranging a meeting with City Hall Staff to address this issue.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. East Gate and Hwy 50 – Alderman Ned Drolet thanked Chief Betten for all the information (Traffic Accident Reports) he provided to him. Alderman Drolet addressed the Committee with this information and felt that too many accidents occur in this area. He feels the East Gate Street Sign is too small and he would like to have a larger one. Alderman Polities made a Motion to give permission to the City Engineer to petition IDOT for a larger sign and Alderman J. Drolet seconded the Motion. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Action: None

Motion: Alderman Polities made a Motion to give permission to the City Engineer to petition IDOT for a larger sign and Alderman J. Drolet seconded the Motion. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Disposition: Open

New Business (Continued)

Item 1. Solicitor's Fees – Chief Betten addressed the Committee to request an increase in the Solicitor Fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00 (per person). Chief Betten feels that this would deter multiple permit applications from one vendor. Residents do not like opening doors to strangers even with the ordinance restrictions on hours. Alderman Polities made a Motion to increase solicitation

fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each person and Alderman J. Drolet seconded the Motion. All ayes

Action: None

Motion: Alderman Polities made a Motion to increase solicitation fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each person and Alderman J. Drolet seconded the Motion. All ayes

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Bicycles on Sidewalks – No one petitioned the Committee on this item, however, Chief Betten informed the Committee that State law allows bicycles on sidewalks. Cyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:

7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting:

May 12, 2008

Minutes Taken By:

Jean Bevington