



Public Safety Committee Minutes
May 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on May 13, 2008. Call to order 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, J. Drolet, (Polites 7:55 p.m.)
Members Not Present: Engler, Schmidt
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: None
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton 7:55 p.m.(City Adm.); Pam Funk 7:50 p.m. (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Dan Bowman (Engineering Mgr.); Jeff Stehman (Bldg. & Zoning Supvr.); Lt. Van Hook (OPD); Jean Bevington (OPD)
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True canvassed the Council Chambers for a Quorum and finding none proceeded with the meeting and announced to Alderman present that no Motions would be made until a quorum is present.

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that work has begun on the roundabout. He will keep the Committee updated on further developments.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. City Hall Security – Chief Betten introduced Lt. Eric Van Hook, Police Department. Lt. Van Hook addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on Security that he, Dennis Sullivan, Dan Bowman and Jeff Stehman prepared. Lt. Van Hook gave highlights of the presentation. Chairman True requested Lt. Van Hook to give the presentation at the June 9th Meeting when all the Committee members would be present.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. East Gate and Hwy 50 – Dennis informed the Committee that a letter was sent to IDOT requesting the East Gate Street Sign be made larger. Dennis informed the Committee that IDOT declined the request for amplification and any revisions would not be warranted. Alderman J. Drolet requested Dennis Sullivan

to contact “Schiappas” and request that their sign be moved to allow more distance between the two signs.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to contact Schiappas to request moving their sign

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 4. Parking 120 W 5th Street – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee there was a work order to place signs with two-hour parking limits at 120 W. 5th Street and N. Cherry adjacent to property at 120 W. 5th Street.

Action: Signs to be placed

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

New Business

Item 1. Methodist Church Crosswalk – Chairman True requested resident to plead case for crosswalk to Committee. Having no one come forward, the Committee reviewed the request. The requested cross-walk is located on Hwy 50 and would have to have the approval of IDOT for placing crosswalk. Chief Betten informed the Committee that Police presence is visible on Sundays at the Methodist Church and Hwy 50 and there is an existing crosswalk @ Smiley and Hwy 50. Provided with this additional information, the Committee did not feel the request of the Methodist Church Crosswalk is warranted.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Stop Sign Pierce Blvd. @ Longleaf Court – No one petitioned the Committee on this issue. Chief Betten informed the Committee that police presence in this area is very visible and is monitored regularly. Stop Sign is not warranted. Dennis Sullivan to inform the resident of denial.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

7:55 p.m. Alderman Polites entered Chambers

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of April 14, 2008. Alderman J. Drolet made a Motion to accept the April 14, 2008, minutes as presented and Alderman Polities seconded.

All ayes

Item 3. Mayfest – Alderman J. Drolet expressed concerns regarding the Mayfest activities and also some of the dances and other carnivals in the shopping centers. Chief Betten assured the Alderman that all precautions are in place and arrangements are made to avoid any disturbances before they escalate to higher situations. Command Post is in place, Units will be in by Thursday (May 15th). Preparations are in place for a fun-filled weekend for all attending the Mayfest. The other concerns (carnivals) have been addressed and will be closely monitored next year. Special events (dances) will also be monitored.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Chairman True congratulated Chief Saunders on his full-time Fire Chief Appointment.

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

Meeting Adjourned:

8:06 p.m.

Next Meeting:

June 9, 2008

Minutes Taken By:

Jean Bevington