



Public Safety Committee Minutes
June 09, 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 June 09, 2008. Call to order 7:00 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, Jerry Albrecht, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Phil Goodwin (City Clerk); Jean Bevington (OPD); Residents Steve Schmidt & Joel Catlin
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of May 12, 2008. Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the May 12, 2008, minutes as presented and Alderman Schmidt seconded. All ayes.

Chairman True requested the Committee to begin with **Other Old Business Item. 4** to address Steve Schmidt, and **New Business Item 2**. Hearing no objections Chairman True proceeded to address Steve Schmidt.

Old Business

Item 4. Other Old Business – Steve Schmidt addressed the Committee on the recent Grand Prix Bicycle Race held in the City. Steve provided handouts (attached) on the comments that were sent regarding the race. All feed back that was received from Steve was excellent, and only a few minor complaints were received by the PD or City Hall regarding the traffic flow.

Alderman Mary Schmidt thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

New Business

Item 2. Cross Walk at Methodist Church – Phil Goodwin, City Clerk, addressed the Committee requesting the re-consideration of placing a Cross walk at the Methodist Church on Hwy 50. Phil indicated that the church is growing and the existing parking space is not sufficient for all parishioners to park in the lot so several cars are using the OTHS parking lot directly across the street. Mr. Goodwin also indicated that the Church is paying an officer to direct

traffic during the Sunday services. It was brought to the attention of the Committee the button at the crosswalk does not always work. Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that Hwy 50 is maintained by IDOT and the City has no privileges to provide cross walks on Hwy 50 and he seriously doubts that IDOT would provide one when there is one only a few feet away. He did, however, inform the Committee that he would contact them regarding the button at the crosswalk for repair. With these recommendations, the Committee denied this request.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to have crosswalk button @ Smiley and Hwy 50 repaired

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee all the curbing along the edges and in the center of the roundabout is complete. The splitter or traffic direction islands are complete. Sidewalk work is complete as well. Work on the truck apron begins 06/10/08. There is, however, a potential problem with the railroad on the alignment of the roadway at the railroad tracks. We are awaiting an evaluation by the railroad's consultant.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. City Hall Security – Chief Betten informed the Committee that this would be slow but a steady progress.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. East Gate and Hwy 50 – Dennis updated the Committee on the status of his investigations with this sign. The sign is what IDOT calls a "trail blazer sign" and is put up by IDOT but paid for by the business (Schiappas). IDOT would have to move this sign and if they would agree to do this, movement would be the financial responsibility of the City. Dennis informed the Committee that he saw an existing "pole" and would place an "East Gate Sign" on this pole.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to place East Gate Sign on pole

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Hwy 50 @ Edward – Chairman True informed the Committee this item was placed back on the Agenda for re-consideration. No one came forward to plead this case. The Committee again reviewed this roadway situation and tried to come to a logical solution for this roadway design. Dennis placed visual map of the intersection of 5th Street, Hwy 50 and Edward. The Committee discussed various scenarios on painted dividers, inclines, placement of stop sign, one-way entrance, etc. None of these considerations would improve the roadway

entrance to and from Hwy 50. Dennis Sullivan again informed the Committee that Hwy 50 can not be changed unless the City petitions IDOT, which could prove to be unproductive. The Committee again agreed the best solution at this time is to not make any changes

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Methodist Church Crosswalk – Addressed previously

Item 3. Surveillance for City Parks – A request for park surveillance was brought up in Committee as new business. Chief Betten addressed this request by informing the Committee that purchase of cameras and equipment at this time is not feasible, however, in the future this could be something the Parks Department would be placing in the Budget. As this type of equipment (cameras, etc.) gets cheaper the possibility of placing surveillance in all the City Parks could be possible. The Aldermen present requested a time-line (date) for this to happen. Chief to check with Parks Department for input to this request.

Action: Chief to check with Parks Department

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Signage on Countryside Drive @ Mill Drive – Alderman Reckamp received a request for a “Slow” sign on Countryside @ Mill Drive, traffic flowing way too fast for residents. Chief Betten informed the Committee that this is a temporary problem and that the situation will clear itself once the road work is completed.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 5. No Parking Sign on Shoulder of Venita Drive – A request for a more appropriate signage on the shoulder of Venita Drive was requested for new business. The current signage is “No Parking.” Dennis informed the Committee he will check into this situation.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to check signage on Venita Drive (shoulder)

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 6. New Ladder Truck for OFD – Chief Saunders informed the Committee that a new Ladder Truck has been purchased by the Rural Fire District. The Truck will be housed in the City.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:

8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2008

Minutes Taken By:

Jean Bevington