

**Public Works Committee
Minutes
7:00 P.M.; June 23, 2008**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on June 23, 2008.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, N. Drolet, Bennett, Reckamp, Engler

STAFF LIAISON: Denton, Funk, Bell, Sullivan,

NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: Schmidt, True, Polites

GUESTS: Dave Pfeifer, Lisa & Kevin Schaefer, Robin & John Broughman, Jason, Holtgrewe, Garland Parker, Michael Schweigert, Michael & Kim Haverkamp, Bobby Allen, Joe Obal

Minutes from April 28, 2008 were approved. Items on the agenda specifically related to a residential address will be discussed with the residents in attendance to move the meeting along.

- Item 1. **POI:** 1064 Oxford Hill Drainage Problem - Garland Parker, Jason Holtgrewe & Michael Schweigert addressed the committee regarding the District 90 detention ponds at Moye School. The residents said the water is released from the ponds joining drainage from the northern section of Quail Meadows, and is suppose to go into an inlet at the stub of Greystone Place. However, they said the water will inundate the inlet and spills over onto the street carrying with it debris down to the cul-de-sac at the eastern end of Oxford Hill. Additionally, there is another behind Mr. Parker's house that fills up with debris from the farm field to the north. Staff commented that they were unaware of the recent flooding in this area. The Committee requested that staff contact District 90 concerning the flooding issue. Potentially additional restricter plates are needed on the ponds to limit the flow from the ponds. (Open)
- Item 2. **POI:** 704 Oak Creek Ct. Drainage Problem – Bobby Allen addressed the committee about the upkeep of the drainage swale in between his yard and a neighbors. He reported that the neighbor is an absent landlord. He said with the large rain in June the water came over the inlet from the neighbors drainage. The riprap has now washed away from the wall of the swale which is on private property. He wanted the city to provide more riprap along the easement area. Committee denied that request, but instructed staff to inspect the pipe for failure. (Closed)
- Item 3. **POI:** Lee & Howard Intersection and Ditch Drainage Problem – Joe Obal addressed the committee regarding the intersection flooding, and the ditch needing to be cleaned. Committee realizes that the intersection has been a long standing issue. The ditch is located on private property between the Pet

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- Dairy and other private property owners. Mr. Obal said the Dairy had put rock in which he has previously shoveled out of the ditch. Mr. Obal said more rock has washed into the ditch from the dairy. Committee asked staff to inspect the ditch and contact the Dairy on removing any rock from the ditch. (Open)
- Item 4. **POI:** 3 Brandonwood Culvert – Lisa & Kevin Schaefer addressed the committee regarding an Ameren pedestal in the backyard drainage area. They have previously been in contact with Ameren due to exposed wiring. Ameren did move the pedestal out of the ditch line. However, they placed it adjacent to the outflow of the drainage pipe. The city did put concrete bags down in the ditch to try and stop the erosion. It is still washing away exposing the electrical wiring again. Ameren will not respond to the issue saying it a city issue now. Ameren told the homeowner the city would install a culvert in this area. The staff has no knowledge of this statement. This area is private property with an easement. Lisa is worried about the electric line being exposed and children playing in the area. Lisa said she is not worried about the drainage problem; it has been an issue with the house since she was child. The committee asked staff to write a letter to Ameren. (Open)
- Item 5. **POI:** 878 Misty Valley Sump Drain Problem - Michael & Kim Haverkamp – Mr. Haverkamp addressed the committee regarding a sump pump problem. When the developer built the subdivision, he placed a 4 inch black drain pipe approximately 30 feet from the back of the homes on private property. The homes' sump pumps are tied into the drain pipe. There is no homeowners association for this subdivision. He was having issues due to a failure of the line, causing their sump pump to run all of the time. Mr. Haverkamp said they have been able to clear the pipe and he no longer has a problem at this time. He is concerned it could happen again in the future. (Open)
- Item 6. **POI:** 861 Misty Valley Drainage Problem – Robin Broughman addressed the committee regarding her sump pump problem. Her sump pump discharge was running out into her neighbor's yard, and the sump pump runs all of the time. She currently has a pipe running out into the street over the sidewalk, which is against current City Ordinance. The committee discussed suspending the current ordinance to allow Misty Valley residents to pump out into the street. They also requested staff to sweep the street more frequently if they suspend the ordinance. Committee suggested staff look into a possible Special Service Area (SSA) for Misty Valley Subdivision to pay for capital improvements for storm drainage as well as the ordinance suspension. (Open)
- Item 7. **POI:** Reduction in Veterans Monument Lighting – Staff reported that the lighting for the parking lot is now on a timer. (Closed)
- Item 8. **AI:** No Parking, East Side of School Street, Central Elementary School – Staff recommended to committee that parking be restricted on one side of School Street. School Street is only 17 feet wide. People are currently parking on

both sides of the street and this is restricting access by other vehicles.
(Closed)

Motion: Committee recommends No Parking, East Side of School Street at Central Elementary School.

Item 9. **POI:** Emergency Work, Third Street Drainage Repairs– Staff explained that significant settlement had occurred at two stormwater structures behind 1126 Third Street. The stormwater piping was 12 foot deep. Staff reported that the existing pipe was abandoned behind the residence with a new pipe added at 4 feet instead and that both structures were repaired. Additionally, L.W. Contractors slipped a liner in a second pipe along the eastern edge of the property to extend the drainage way's life. (Closed)

Item 10. **POI:** 805 W. Madison Emergency Culvert Replacement – Staff explained that they had been contacted by Ameren. Ameren has a transformer in this location and was previously contacted by residents to fill in a sinkhole. Ameren has previously filled in the sinkhole twice. Staff inspected the area and determined that a large section of storm pipe was missing. L.W. Contractors was at the site and will complete replacement of the failed pipe Tuesday, June 24th, weather permitting. (Closed)

Item 11. **POI:** Steeplechase Emergency Stormwater Repair - Staff explained that a stormwater outfall area has caused erosion, placing a water main in jeopardy. There has been so much erosion that it has undercut the soil from the water main. L.W. Contractor is going to place a new drop structure with a 10 to 15 foot fall getting the stormwater it out of the way of the water main. (Closed)

Item 12. **POI:** Purchase Authority – Staff asked the committee to consider increasing the amount of purchase authority for the Director of Public Works and Parks & Recreation. A new ordinance would be needed to make the change. Committee discussed if it should be just for emergency purchases. Committee recommended the Directors meet with the City Administrator on this issue. (Open)

Due to time constraints the following items were not discussed.

- Item 13. Crown Pointe Subdivision Infrastructure
- Item 14. Carriel Jr. High School Connecting Sidewalk
- Item 15. 5 Vanderbilt Storm Drainage Problem
- Item 16. Cedar Street Drainage Concerns
- Item 17. 506 N. Cherry Drainage Problem
- Item 18. 526 Mulberry Ditch Drainage Problem
- Item 19. 1102 Lorien Court Drainage Problem
- Item 20. 708 Linden Court Drainage Problem
- Item 21. 621 Wintergreen Sump Pump Drainage Problem
- Item 22. 308 and 309 Windsor Forest Landslide

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- Item 23. Misty Valley Street End of Roadway Drainage
- Item 24. 512 E. Jefferson Backyard Drainage
- Item 25. Obernuefemann Road Reconstruction
- Item 26. 120 West 5th Drainage Problem
- Item 27. 334 Amy Drive Drainage Problem
- Item 28. 209 Joy Drainage Problem
- Item 29. Agnes Culvert Emergency Replacement
- Item 30. Forest Green Backyard Drainage Concern
- Item 31. Elevated Water Tank Construction
- Item 32. Public Works Storage Building Construction

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40 P.M. PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2008 at 6:00 P.M., to be held in the Mayor's Conference Room or Council Chambers at City Hall dependent upon the number of visitors at the meeting.

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