



Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 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 Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on July 14, 2008. Call to order 7:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, J. Drolet, Polites, Schmidt, Engler
Members Not Present: All Present
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Rick Reckamp; John West, Ned Drolet
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Administrator); Pam Funk (Asst. City Admin.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Jean Bevington (OPD);
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of June 9, 2008. Alderman J. Drolet made a Motion to accept the June 9, 2008, minutes as presented and Alderman Engler seconded. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Roundabout State & Oberneufemann Road – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee the ribbon cutting for the new roundabout was performed today (July 14th) at approximately 3:30 p.m. All went well.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. City Hall Security – Chief Betten informed the Committee that this would be slow but a steady progress. Several projects are projected for the near future. Aldermen wishing more information on specific details can contact the Building and Zoning Supervisor or Chief Betten.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. Eastgate and Hwy 50 – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee that the State (IDOT) has not moved the sign/pole. Dennis to place a City-owned pole and place the Eastgate sign on that pole.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to place another pole with Eastgate sign

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 4. No Parking Sign on Shoulder of Venita Drive – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee the State has control of the shoulder on Hwy 50 at Venita Drive, however, he will paint shoulder of Hwy 50 at Venita for better clarity.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to paint shoulder of road at Hwy 50 and Venita Drive

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Caution or Children Playing Sign for the 200-300 Block of Wellesley Drive – Chairman True addressed the Committee for comments and direction for this request, however, no one came forward. The Committee discussed the placement of this sign and having no “specific” (i.e., deaf children, handicapped or other impairments) the Committee felt the placement of the sign was not warranted.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Homecoming Hours – Chairman True brought to the Committee the conflict of the Homecoming hours of operation with that of the hours restricted to the Booster organization. Chief Betten to inform the Homecoming Committee of the restriction on the hours and provide the new schedule of hours in accordance with past practice.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Pork with Passion – Chairman True informed the Committee of the closing of Lincoln for this event. The Committee discussed this road closing and some of the Aldermen present felt this road closing would not be a hindrance to the traffic flow. Chief Betten would agree with the closing of Lincoln with City Council approval.

Action: Approval of the City Council for closing Lincoln

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Surveillance for City Parks – A request for park surveillance was re-addressed in Committee. Aldermen present are concerned for the safety of residents using the parks and also to secure the parks from vandalism. Chief Betten informed the Aldermen that he foresees cameras and more lighting for future budget items for the Parks Departments, however, he will ask John Presley, City IT Tech, to express his thoughts and opinions on the surveillance issues at the next Safety Meeting. Mr. Presley will be able to incorporate ideas or discover new ones and give approximate costs.

Action: Chief to contact Mr. Presley

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 5. Pre-payment of Petrol Services – Chief Betten to meet with City merchants that provide gas pumps at their place of business to request them to have their clients pre-pay for their petrol. This will lessen the burden on the Police Department from the many calls received for “drive offs” at the service stations.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

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| Meeting Adjourned: | 8:05 p.m. |
| Next Meeting: | August 11, 2008 |
| Minutes Taken By: | Jean Bevington |