

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham who then led "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, called the roll: Nila Grogan, present; Mary Schmidt, present; Ed True, present; Dan Polites, present; Rick Reckamp, present; Jerry Mouser, present; John Drolet, present; Allen Medford, present; Michael Bennett, present; Dennis Renner, present; Steve Engler, present; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, excused. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

RESIDENTS: No one came forward.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Goodwin read a request from O.U.S.A.R.T to conduct a roadblock at the intersection of State and Lincoln on Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*Pending Insurance Verification*)

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by J. Mouser to approve the roadblock. All ayes, except for N. Drolet. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham introduced Katie Shannon as Mayor of the Day. She said hello to her brother, Robert, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Mayor Graham introduced Alexa Kissinger, Miss O'Fallon. She explained that she grew up as a military child and moved here before 8th grade. She spoke of the privilege of being crowned Miss O'Fallon and how she feels a part of the community as it is warm and welcoming. She saw what an important role model Miss O'Fallon is and she added that the title is a way to give back to the community. She thanked the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, VFW, among many local businesses who have helped her throughout the year. Mayor Graham thanked her for her hard work.

Mayor Graham mentioned that July is Parks and Recreation Month and they are having a free swim at Memorial Pool on July 29th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for O'Fallon and Shiloh residents.

Mayor Graham announced that this month's Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors will be held in Collinsville on Thursday, July 24th. He asked if anyone was planning on attending to contact Jamie to make reservations.

M. Bennett mentioned that there was an article in the National League of Cities about the IRS campaign that can help residents find out if they have unclaimed economic stimulus money and there is something that the cities can do to work in conjunction with the Federal government. He wanted to know if anyone was looking into it. The Mayor said he saw it and asked the staff to review it.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to an Ordinance Declaring certain Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus Property and for Sale Pursuant to 65 IICS 5/11-76-4.

M. Bennett inquired whether they involved the lease vehicles and D. Rich answered that they were purchased as lease to own and we now have title to them.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; J. Drolet, aye; N. Drolet, aye; S. Engler, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to consider Ordinances 2 - 5 under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dudley McCarter, Legal Counsel for Car Credit City interrupted the vote by telling the Mayor that his client thanked the staff for all they have done with the ordinance. However, they have concerns about the reversionary language in Section 2, Para. 1, which calls for a reversion of the property back to B-1 from B-2, if the use of the site discontinues. He said it was unreasonable and clouds the title to the property.

Mayor Graham replied that if it was left B-2, that the City had issues. If they wanted it returned to committee, they would not vote on it tonight.

After a brief discussion with his client, he asked the Mayor to continue to vote on the ordinance tonight.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by A. Medford to approve Ordinances 2 - 5 on 2nd Reading.

Item 2 - Ord. Amending Ord. 623, Zoning Districts regarding Car Credit City, as amended

3. Ord. Amending Ord. 623, Zoning Districts regarding the Handlebar Grill

4. Ord. Amending City Zoning Regulations, Chapter 42, Art. 2, Relating to Funeral or Mortuary Services including Accessory Crematorium as a Permitted Use in the B-1 Community Business District

5. Ord. Amending Chapter 78, No Parking Zone, East Side of School Street

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; J. Drolet, aye; N. Drolet, aye; S. Engler, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated his committee met on July 14, 2008 and the minutes are in the packet.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the Special Event request from the First Baptist Church of O'Fallon for the 6th Annual Men's Wild Game Dinner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the Special Event Permit request from the March of Dimes for the Bikers for Babies Benefit Ride. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by J. West to approve the Special Event Permit request from Main Street for Pork with Passion.

N. Drolet commented that he wanted to remove condition #1, regarding the portable restrooms. He said the area businesses and the Chamber of Commerce provide plenty of facilities.

D. Renner said the event is a family affair. He thinks the condition should remain.

N. Drolet stated that he did not anticipate a large crowd. He thinks it is an unnecessary expense. A. Medford asked if anyone knew how much it would cost. No one was aware of the cost.

J. Drolet stated that the condition was to provide adequate facilities or have the area businesses provide the facilities.

Motion was made by N. Drolet and seconded by Reckamp to approve the Special Event Permit request from Main Street for Pork with Passion with the removal of the condition for the bathroom facilities. Mayor Graham said if you vote yes, you are voting to keep the condition.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, no; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, no; J. Mouser, no; A. Medford, no; J. Drolet, aye; N. Drolet, aye; S. Engler, aye; M. Bennett, no; D. Renner, no; J. West, aye. Ayes -7; Nays - 6. Motion carried.

All ayes to keep the condition with the bathroom facilities.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on July 28, 2008.

Public Works: A. Medford said that the next meeting is scheduled for July 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True said that they met on July 14th at 7:00 p.m. The minutes are in the packet. Their next meeting is set for August 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West said that the finance committee met before the Council meeting to review the warrant. Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to pay Warrant #164 in the amount of \$676,045.10.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, aye; D. Polites, aye; R. Reckamp, aye; J. Mouser, aye; A. Medford, aye; J. Drolet, aye; N. Drolet, aye; S. Engler, aye; M. Bennett, aye; D. Renner, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be July 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Parks and Environment: No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk

Proper notice having been duly given