

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 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, excused; 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, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

RESIDENTS: Leslie Blair, a resident for 25 years, spoke regarding the planned Dempcy project. Mayor Graham stated that Mr. Dempcy had withdrawn his petition. Ms. Blair wanted to let the Council know that her neighborhood is a diverse community with affordable housing. She spoke on behalf of her neighbors that they want it to continue to remain diverse. She said she had 102 signatures from the neighbors that want it to stay a residential neighborhood. They are opposed to spot zoning.

Mayor Graham thanked her for her comments. He reiterated that Mr. Dempcy brought the project forward. The Planning Commission and staff recommended against going forward with the project. However, the Council can override the decision, but the developer chose to withdraw it.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Goodwin read the following:

Request from St. Clair County Extension & Education Foundation to conduct a raffle for Longaberger baskets on March 24, 2009

Request from Hearts n' Hands Quilt Guild to conduct a raffle from September 15, 2008 – December 9, 2008 for a quilt

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by D. Renner to approve the requests. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham announced that the Illinois Municipal League conference will be held September 24 – September 27th in Chicago. He will be installed as the president at that time. Many aldermen have been concerned about the cost of

the conference, but a corporate sponsor has stepped forward and is going to pay for all of it because they realize the importance of the education received.

RESOLUTIONS: None listed.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Mayor Graham announced that the following items will be placed on hold:

ITEM 2 – Ord. Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, PUD known as “Airport Storage Center”

ITEM 3 – Ord. Amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map

ITEM 4 – Ord. Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, Development known as Dempsy Real Estate Office (withdrawn by petitioner)

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by A. Medford to consider ITEM 1 – An Ordinance Amending Ord. 623, Zoning Development known as “Bank of America ATM”.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve an Ordinance Amending the City Zoning Code by Amending Several Sections of Article 12: Sign Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by N. Drolet to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Section 52.088, Discontinuance of Water Service for Delinquent Accounts.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Section 52.089, Temporary Disconnection Service Charge.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated his committee met on September 8th and the minutes are in the packet.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to consider the motions out of his committee under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Special Event Permit request from McDonald's for the Grand Opening for 9/24/08 – 10/1/08.

Motion to approve the Special Event Permit request from New Enterprise Academy for the 5K run/walk on October 11, 2008.

Motion to approve the Special Event Permit request from the YMCA to hold the Biathlon 5K Run and 12 Mile Bike Ride on September 27, 2008.

Motion to approve an emergency water tap for American Lifestyle Communities at 64 Bel Vista, Lebanon.

J. Drolet inquired whether there would be a \$2500 tap on fee. T. Shekell answered that the American Lifestyle Communities would sign a pre-annexation agreement and affirmed that they will pay for the tap, but they require just one tap for water.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the motions under the previous Omnibus agreement.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2008.

Public Works: A. Medford stated that the next scheduled meeting is September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety: E. True said that his committee met last Monday night. They removed the future of the roundabout from the agenda. They have had positive comments except for train delays. M. Schmidt interjected that she would like to encourage the residents to use the apron to keep traffic flowing. Mayor Graham asked the police chief to respond. J. Betten replied that it would not be strictly enforced. It is part of the Right of Way. E. True stated that the next meeting is October 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West said that the finance committee met before the Council meeting to review Warrant #168.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by E. True to pay Warrant #168 in the amount of \$445,697.42.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; Schmidt, aye; E. True, 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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be October 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Parks and Environment: J. Albrecht stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

D. Renner expressed his gratitude to the Public Works department and Gretchen for the safety signs. He also asked everyone to come out and support Pork with Passion. There will not be any port-a-potties available, but the area businesses will open their bathrooms to the public.

N. Drolet added that Pork with Passion is on October 4th. Banners will be strewn across Lincoln and State Street. A walk to support Breast Cancer research will start the festivities and then a pork steak competition will ensue. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. They will also have live bands. Mayor Graham added that he is going to be a judge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by D. Renner to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

*Minutes taken by
Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk
Proper notice having been duly given*