

**Public Works Committee  
Minutes  
7:00 P.M.; September 22, 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 September 22, 2008.

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

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, N. Drolet, Bennett, Reckamp, Engler  
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: True, J. Drolet, West, Schmidt, Mouser, Albrecht  
STAFF LIAISON: Funk, Bell, Sullivan, Bowman, Rich, Denton  
GUESTS: John Stallons, Dave Pfeifer

Minutes from August 25, 2008 were approved.

- Item 1. **POI:** 1105 Elisabeth Drainage Problem. – Mr. Stallons, property owner, addressed the committee regarding street flooding in front of his property. He said the city has been out previously for a sinkhole in his yard. The city has previously responded and filled in the sinkhole. The city investigated the sinkhole by running a camera down the storm pipe and the line was fine. There was discussion on the detention ponds located on the Latter-Day Saint Church property and their affect on the drainage that reaches Elisabeth in front of 1105. Committee asked staff to review the plans for the detention ponds to see if they were built as approved. (Open)
- Item 2. **POI:** Adams-Penn Storm Sewer and Detention Improvements (Design Documents Proposal) - Staff presented a proposal from Rhutasel & Associates for the construction plans. Staff will hold this proposal until the next committee meeting. This will allow Rhutasel additional time to review staff comments on the preliminary plans that have been produced. (Open)
- Item 3. **AI:** O'Fallon Milburn School Road Improvements, Phase 2 (Rhutasel & Associates Design Proposal) – This is for the reconstruction of the Milburn School road section from Pausch Road to Merriam Parkway. The project has an IDOT FY2013 funding grant that will be supplemented by local MFT Funds. Design and construction engineering as proposed is not to exceed \$121,000.00. IDOT forms supported by a Council resolution must be submitted for approval of local MFT fund usage. The project will be for 2 lanes plus turn lanes at the intersections with the potential for a roundabout at Merriam Parkway. Staff would like to move forward with the design as this would allow coordination of school district improvements to the roadway west of the Phase 2 section with the City's planned improvements, with this project and in the future.

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Motion: Committee recommended approval in the amount of \$121,000.00 for the design effort. (Closed)

Item 4. **POI:** Drainage Evaluation - Moye School Detention – Staff presented a proposal for Hoelscher Engineering for a study on the detention ponds in the amount of \$28,200.00. Committee discussed this issue and the fact that the detention ponds belong to the school district. Staff has met with the school district. Staff recommends not taking ownership of the detention ponds at this time. Per the direction of the committee staff will write a letter to the school district offering to contribute 10% of the cost of the Hoelscher agreement for the study only. (Open)

Item 5. **AI:** Milburn School Road Speed Limit – Staff recommended the speed limit be changed for the portions of the road under City control that is now posted at 50 mph to 45 mph. The existing sections of the roadway under City control that are posted at 35 mph should remain at that speed.

Motion: Committee recommends amendment of the traffic control ordinances to set Milburn School Road at the 45 mph and 35 mph speed limits as discussed. (Closed)

Item 6. **POI:** Crown Pointe Subdivision Infrastructure – No action. (Open)

Item 7. **POI:** Carriel Jr. High School Connecting Sidewalk – No action. (Open)

Item 8. **POI:** 5 Vanderbilt Storm Drainage Problem – No action. (Open)

Item 9. **POI:** 506 N. Cherry Drainage Problem – No action; however, the Hoelscher Engineer has driven the road section with staff and understands that a previous effort in the 600 block needs to be expanded to include the 500 block. (Open)

Item 10. **POI:** Mulberry Ditch Drainage Problem – No action. (Open)

Item 11. **POI:** 1102 Lorien Court Drainage – No action. (Open)

Item 12. **POI:** 878 Misty Valley Sump Pump Drain Problem – No action. Committee members reviewed the draft policy concerning potential cost sharing for drainage improvements. Committee wanted additional items added to the draft policy on the approval process, cost limitations and budgeting. Staff will add items for further committee review. (Open)

Item. 13 **POI:** 861 Misty Valley Sump Drain Problem – No action. This issue may be potentially addressed in the future by the policy concerning cost sharing. (Open)

Item 14. **POI:** 621 Wintergreen Sump Pump Drain Problem – No action. This issue

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- Item 15. **POI:** 211 Howard Drainage Problem – Staff informed committee that a proposal for additional surveying of the area has been requested. There is a rather large area that drains to the intersection of Lee & Howard and eventually to the ditch on the north side of the dairy. To exacerbate problems, the dairy has placed structures in city right-of-way, over storm water piping and obstructed the existing pipes. (Open)
- Item 16. **POI:** Misty Valley Street End of Roadway Drainage – No action. This issue may be potentially addressed in the future by the policy concerning cost sharing. (Open)
- Item 17. **POI:** Lee & Howard Intersection & Drainage Ditch – As with Item 15 above, additional data is needed to assess the magnitude of the problem and a possible solution. (Open)
- Item 18. **POI:** 1064 Oxford Hill Drainage Problem – No action. The problem at this location is attributable in part to the Moye Detention Pond issue discussed in Item 4. above. (Open)
- Item 19. **POI:** 209 Joy Drainage Problem – The receptors for the storm water generated on Joy have been cleared. Surveying of the features – ditches, road centerlines, and drainage structures – has been completed, but not analyzed. Public Works Operations staff will re-take some ditches on Joy in the interim. (Open)
- Item 20. **POI:** 314 Joy Drainage Problem – The receptors for the storm water generated on Joy have been cleared. Surveying of the features – ditches, road centerlines, and drainage structures – has been completed, but not analyzed. Public Works Operations staff will re-take some ditches on Joy in the interim. (Open)
- Item 21. **POI:** 931 Crabapple Drainage Problem – No action. (Open)
- Item 22. **POI:** 506 Dartmouth Drainage Problem – No action. (Open)
- Item 23. **POI:** 6 Lorien Court Drainage Problem – No action. (Open)
- Item 24. **POI:** Weber and 50 Drainage Problem – Staff informed the committee that when IDOT reconstructed Hwy 50 they did not place an inlet in the northeast quadrant of this intersection. As a result, water ponds on Weber. An analysis as to the ability to place an inlet there and have it drain to existing stormwater infrastructure needs to be accomplished. This item is an irritant to a former City Engineer who has requested that we take a look at it. (Open)

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- Item 25. **POI:** 704 Oak Creek Court – No action. (Open)
- Item 26. **POI:** 600 Block of E. Washington Street Vacation – The dairy has requested that the City vacate the right-of-way for dairy use. Due to stormwater issues in the area, the existence of water and sewer lines through the section, vacation at this time is not prudent. Additional right-of-way issues in the area still need resolution. Staff will need to work with the dairy on these issues such as dairy constructed structures on city right-of-way and over stormwater pipes. (Open)
- Item 27. **POI:** 405 Eagle Terrace – Staff informed the committee that the resident is unhappy about being charged the \$50.00 account turn-on fee. She previously lived in Fairview Heights and had water service with the City of O’Fallon. Committee recommended no change to the ordinance as the turn-on fee is a part of the cost of doing business. The alternative would be a rate increase to cover the cost. The request for fee waiver was denied. (Closed)
- Item 28. **POI:** S. Augusta Sewage Backup – Staff informed the committee that 303 & 307 S. Augusta experienced a sewer backup on Sunday, September 14, 2008, during the rain storm from Hurricane Ike. We don’t claim being responsible for the blockage that occurred in the areas sanitary sewer; however, we did try to make arrangements to have the houses cleaned as a service to our residents. Staff have been calling cleaning companies for the past several days, but the list is long with others in need – especially in St. Louis County. (Closed)
- Item 29. **POI:** Wesley Pond Easements – To make improvements to the Wesley Pond area drainage and rehabilitate the pond in general, the City will need to acquire easements in the area. Due to insufficient time, this item will be presented again at the next Committee meeting. (Open)
- Item 30. **POI:** 1245 Farmington Dr. – The homeowner is appealing his ERT damage, but did not attend the meeting. No Action. (Open)
- Item 31. **POI:** Lease of Advertising Space on Water Towers – Committee discussed the possibility of renting advertising space on the St. Clair Square Tower to the Mall or Fairview Heights. After some discussion they thought a legal opinion would be needed. Staff will arrange for a review of the history behind a court order not to allow advertising on the tower. (Open)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:39 P.M. PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 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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