

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Graham opened the hearing at 7:03 for the Annexation Agreement with Southern Financial, Inc. for approximately 3.7 acre located at 64 Bel Vista Court, Lebanon (American Lifestyle Home Centers). Mayor Graham called three times for public input, but no one came forward. The hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

RESIDENTS: Bevan Gibson spoke on behalf of the residents of Country Glen and South Lawn. She expressed concern over the Comprehensive Plan and re-zoning for 701 W. State Street. She stated that Glen Dempcy is not the owner and was concerned that he could apply for the zoning change. She also asked why the agenda item was placed on hold. The residents plan to attend every meeting that this is discussed until a decision is made. Mayor Graham answered that anyone can apply for the zoning change with permission from the owner. Staff will call her to answer all of her questions.

Mayor Graham stated that he has had 25 or more people ask him about a skate park. He introduced Logan and Collin McClellan who came forward to present their comments about getting a skate park. Mayor Graham said that Logan gave him petitions with 150 signatures asking for a skate park. Logan said he attended EK Elementary School and Collin said he attended Fulton Junior High. Logan spoke about the desire for a skate park and would like the Mayor and Council to consider it. D. Renner said his grandson would support getting one too.

Leroy Glick of 122 Central also stepped forward to express his concern over storm water in his garage. He said since the new school was built, he has had more problems because there is only one drainage area. There is only a 16" culvert which crosses Long Drive. It is not large enough to collect the water. He would like us to take a look at it. Mayor Graham said that he will have someone take a look at it.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Goodwin read a request from Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon to conduct a roadblock on Friday, October 24 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the intersection of State & Smiley, on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. at State & Lincoln (rain date is November 1, 2008).

Motion was made by J. Albrecht and seconded by D. Renner to approve the request. Ayes, 12, Nays, 2 (R. Reckamp and N. Drolet). Motion carried.

City Clerk Goodwin read a request from Moye Elementary PTO to conduct a raffle for donated items from October 6th – November 14, 2008.

Motion was made by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the request. All Ayes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Goodwin read a request from Moye Elementary PTO to conduct a raffle for various donated items on November 15, 2008.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the request. All Ayes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Goodwin read a request from O'Fallon Homecoming Association to conduct the Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. commencing at the City Park and ending at the intersection of First and Oak Street.

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

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham asked Chief Betten to come forward, and he recognized Scott Battoe for his 30 years of service. He said he was truly an example of community policing. He brought a lot to the department, and he will be missed. Scott thanked his wife, the police department, the commissioned officers, EMS, Fire, City Hall and the support staff. Mayor Graham thanked Scott Battoe. He said he has been a great role model and has been a large part of the professionalism of the department.

Chief Betten asked police commissioners Horace Humphries and Russ Thoman to come forward. H. Humphries administered the oath for the promotion of the following officers: Eric Van Hook to captain, Keith Townsend to lieutenant, and Craig Koch to sergeant. Chief Betten thanked the Council.

Mayor Graham announced the reappointment of Ray Holden to the Planning Commission and the appointment of Al Keeler to the Planning Commission. Motion by J. West and seconded by J. Albrecht to appoint Ray Holden and Al Keeler to the Planning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham asked Jennifer Howland, Senior Planner, on behalf of the department to accept the proclamation declaring the month of October 2008 as Community Planning Month.

Mayor Graham welcomed Jan Schaeuble and the Boy Scout Troop from First Baptist Church who are working on their citizenship and community badges.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by A. Medford and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve Item 1, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates, Inc. for Professional Services for the Design of Milburn School Road Improvements, Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$121,000.

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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Mayor Graham announced that Item 2 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property, 64 Bel Vista Court has been placed on hold.

Motion was made by E. True and seconded by J. Albrecht to consider on 1st reading, Item 3, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 77, Schedule I, Speed Restrictions, regarding Milburn School Road and Old Collinsville Road.

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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve on 2nd Reading, an Ordinance amending Ord. 623, Zoning Development known as "Bank of America ATM".

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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated his committee met on September 22nd and the minutes are in the packet.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve the affirmation of the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Special Use Permit from Papa Vito's.

M. Bennett stated that he is not opposed to the project and thinks it looks great, but much emphasis was placed on the style of the building next to Papa Vitos and architecture to match the downtown area. He suggested that the design was modern. He expressed his concern about the style since many other businesses may be considering expanding.

J. Howland said the plans were shown to the Historic Preservation Commission, and they did not have any comments. D. Renner said he was not opposed to the design but questioned whether it was up to the standards for the downtown area. The Ginger Shop had to go through rigid requirements. Mayor Graham asked why it did not go through Community Development first and asked about the structure. J. Howland answered that the structure is not considered permanent. The Special Use Permit is approved by the Planning Commission. The Council does have a 21 day right to review under the Special Use and the Planning Commission's decision. E. True asked whether the windows could be removed, and J. Howland affirmed that they could and the roof is retractable. J. West added that he thought it was a quality structure.

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. Albrecht, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the Special Event Permit request from Fulton Junior High to hang a banner for their Haunted House from October 24th – October 25th. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve the Special Event Permit request from Frieze Harley-Davidson to conduct multiple events on October 4, 25th, and December 6th. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 13, 2008.

Public Works: No report.

Public Safety: 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 #169.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by N. Grogan to pay Warrant #169 in the amount of \$1,318,154.68.

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. 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 they met on September 22nd and the minutes are in the packet. The next meeting is on the second Monday in November. The October meeting is cancelled.

N. Drolet added that the Pork with Passion event last Saturday was well attended. Several vendors ran out of food. He thanked the Park, Public Works, Public Safety, Fire, EMS, Pam Funk, Debbie Arell-Martinez, Nila Grogan, Timi McMillin, Jim Hursey, Kristin Witter, Susan Wobbe, Sue Witter and the entire Main Street organization.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

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