

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham who asked Alex, a scout working on his merit badge to come forward who then led the Council in "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Maryanne Fair, Deputy 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, excused; Ned Drolet, present; John West, present; Jerry Albrecht, excused. A quorum was declared present.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing for the annexation agreement with RP South LLC, and Lee & Lucille Rasp Trust for approximately 36.14 acres known as Regency Park Corporate Campus was continued from the November 17th meeting at 7:04. Mayor Graham called three times for public input, but no one came forward. The hearing was closed at 7:04.

RESIDENTS: No one came forward.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: City Clerk Goodwin was excused.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham presented a film by Baxter Black, "So Lucky to be an American", which gave to tribute to the soldiers.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider resolution items 1 – 4 under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham read the following resolutions:

Item 1 – Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute an IDOT Resolution Appropriating Additional MFT Funds in the amount of \$120,000 for the Old Collinsville Road Project (Rowe Lane to Milburn School Road)

ITEM 2 - Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute an IDOT Resolution Appropriating Additional MFT Funds in the amount of \$170,000 for the Simmons Road Project

ITEM 3 - Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to Permit Improvements to Milburn School Road by O'Fallon Township High School, District 203, in Accordance with Approved Plans and Acceptance of a Bond to District 203 as Guarantee of Construction Completion

ITEM 4 – Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds from the City Cash Reserves

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve resolution items 1 – 4 under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

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; D. Renner; aye; M. Bennett, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to consider on 1st Reading, Items 5 – 10 under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham read the following ordinances:

ITEM 5 – Ord. Annexing Certain Territory, RP South, LLC containing approximately 36.14 Acres

ITEM 6 – Ord. Amending Ord. 623, Zoning, PUD Regency Park Corporate Campus

ITEM 7 - Ord. Approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Regency Park TIF Redevelopment Project Area

ITEM 8 - Ord. Designating the Regency Park TIF Redevelopment Project Area

ITEM 9 - Ord. Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Regency Park TIF Redevelopment Project Area

ITEM 10 – Ord. Providing for the Annual Levy for the Fiscal year Commencing on the first day of May 2008 and ending on the 30th day of April 2009

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by N. Grogan to approve on 1st Reading, Items 5 – 10 under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

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; D. Renner; aye; M. Bennett, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2nd Readings

Mayor Graham stated that they are still in negotiations with a verbal tentative agreement, so 16 and 17, Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and the Ordinance Amending Ord. 623, Development known as Rock Springs Townhome Apartments are on hold.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by J. West to consider on 2nd Reading, Ordinances 11 – 15 under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Graham read the following ordinances:

11. Ord. Amending Chapter 77, Schedule I, Speed Restrictions regarding Porter, Obernuefemann and Venita Road
12. Ord. Amending Chapter 77, Schedule I, Speed Restrictions regarding Pausch and Milburn School Road
13. Ord. Amending Chapter 78, Schedule I, No Parking Zones regarding Oak Street
14. Ord. Annexing Certain Property known as Bel Vista Court
15. Ord. Annexing Certain Property known as 1194 Pausch Road

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve on 2nd Reading, Ordinances 11 – 15 under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

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; D. Renner; aye; M. Bennett, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Development: J. Mouser stated that the committee met on November 24th, and he had two motions out of his committee.

Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by R. Reckamp to approve the sign request from Full Circle Auto Service with conditions and the Special Event Permit request from St. Nicholas Church to conduct a Christmas Tree Lot at O'Fallon Lumber. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on December 8, 2008.

Public Works: A. Medford stated that his committee met on November 24th. The next meeting is December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference room.

Public Safety: E. True stated that the next meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance/Administration: J. West said that the finance committee met before the Council meeting to discuss Warrant #173.

Motion was made by J. West and seconded by R. Reckamp to pay Warrant #173 in the amount of \$898,105.95.

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; D. Renner, aye; M. Bennett, aye; J. West, aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

J. West stated that they will meet on December 22nd.

Parks and Environment: In the absence of J. Albrecht, M.J. Hutchison stated that the next meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 5:30 p.m.

M. Bennett stated that trees are being planted at Ogles Creek, and it is almost done. One of his son's is working on an Eagles Scout project and is planting over 130 trees that were obtained through a grant from the City. If anyone would like to volunteer on this project, contact M. Bennett.

Mayor Graham said that the maximum levy under the general fund is .2500. We could levy up to a \$1,700,000. We actually levied .036, which nets us \$245,844. We believe that keeping the taxes down is important. The 2008 Special Census confirmed that we added 3,630 new residents since 2005, which is an average of 1,200 new residences a year without a property tax increase. We have lowered the general fund rate for the past twelve years. The Council should be proud of that. We just received a notice from Ameren UE that our street light bill will increase to \$312,789 this year. We did not cover the increase with the levy. We try to offset that with sales tax and lower City costs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by R. Reckamp and seconded by N. Grogan to adjourn. All ayes.
Motion carried.

D. Renner thanked everyone for their cards and support during his illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin, City Clerk

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