



Public Safety Committee Minutes
December 08, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on December 08, 2008. Call to order 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Polites, Engler,
(Schmidt, J. Drolet, arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Members Not Present: All present
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: John West, N. Drolet
Other Persons Present: Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Walter Denton (City Adm.); Pam Funk (Assist. City Adm.); Dean Rich (Finance Director); Jean Bevington (OPD)
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of November 10, 2008. Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the November 10, 2008, minutes as presented and Alderman Engler seconded. All ayes.

Old Business

Item 1. Speed Restrictions on Old Collinsville Road (From Rowe Lane to Milburn School Road) – Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee that when Savannah Hills Subdivision was annexed into O'Fallon and the section of Old Collinsville Road as a township road became the responsibility of the City, no speed limits were set. As a result, a change to our Ordinance is needed to cover the 45 mph speed limit from Rowe Lane to Milburn School Road. Chief Betten informed the Committee that there is an Intergovernmental Agreement between O'Fallon and Fairview Heights on these roadways. Possibly language already exists in this Agreement. Chief Betten requested Dennis Sullivan to provide him with the information needed to post speed limits on these roadways and he will contact Chief Delmore, Fairview Heights Police Chief, and make arrangements to append the Intergovernmental Agreement to include this information.

Action: Dennis Sullivan to get information on roadway to Chief Betten

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

New Business

Item 1. Speed Limitation on Hwy 50 – On Hold, Alderman presenting issue not present.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Additional Stop Sign for Prairie Farms Dairy – Prairie Farms is requesting a portable stop sign to be used on 5th Street @ Oak. When backing up to their loading dock, the present stop sign is obstructed from vehicular view. Dennis Sullivan informed the Committee that Prairie Farms needs a permit to block the roadway and by providing a portable sign will place liability on the City. The Committee discussed placing an additional sign on the left side at 5th Street & Oak, however, the majority of the motorist do not look left for a stop sign. Dennis to write a letter to Prairie Farms granting them permission to block a portion of the roadway as long as they place a temporary stop sign that meets all applicable traffic standards in position to warn motorists any time the sign is blocked by a truck. In addition Dennis will research an additional requirement that the temporary sign include a flashing light. Engineering will also investigate the placement of a sign, facing west on the north side of 5th at Oak.

Action: Dennis to write letter to Prairie Farms

Motion: None

Disposition: Open

Item 3. Retroreflectivity Standards – Dennis Sullivan provided a handout (attached) of the Final Rule Revision of the 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices which is effective as of January 22, 2008. The final rule provides additional requirements, guidance, clarification, and flexibility in maintaining traffic sign retroreflectivity (Retroreflectivity is car headlights shining onto the sign surface, which has little reflective elements, either glass spheres or triangular prisms that take the car headlight beam and bend it back or “return” it to the car driver and passenger.) One or more of the following assessments or management methods should be used to maintain sign retroreflectivity:

- A. Visual Nighttime Inspection by a trained sign inspector
- B. Measured Sign retroreflectivity by using a retroreflectometer
- C. Expected Sign Life - when signs are installed, an installation date is labeled or recorded.
- D. Blanket replacement - all signs in an area/corridor, should be replaced at specific intervals.
- E. Control Signs - replacement of signs in the field is based on the performance of a sample of control signs

Additional information of retroreflectivity can be obtained from the Engineering Department.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Fire Truck Bid Proposal – Fire Chief Brent Saunders informed the Committee that a budgeted item for the purchase of a new engine at the price of \$380,922.00. Brent informed the Committee that \$12,000 to be eliminated from price if the City agrees to let dealer show case this Engine for 60 days. Advantages of showcasing is the dealer may provide more options on engine to display to other Communities at no additional costs to us, dealer fully insures the engine and is responsible for any damage and full warranty begins when we take over the engine.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 5. Stop Sign East Adams at Hilgard – Committee Chairman True brought this stop sign request to the Committee. The Committee discussed this issue and discovered a yield sign present at this intersection. The Committee felt replacing the Yield Sign with the Stop Sign was not warranted.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 6. Subsidence Event December 07, 2008 – Dennis Sullivan provided the Committee with a handout (attached) to show a time table of subsidence events as they occurred. Beginning on December 07, 2008, early a.m. with a water main break and then continuing with two other water main breaks evolving into distortion of Hwy 50 (700 block) and some evidence of subsidence on a few structures in the radius circle. Dennis informed the Committee of the road being closed and his notification to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources of Mine Subsidence, Office in Edwardsville, he will also keep Committee updated on any additional subsidence occurrences.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Polites and seconded by Alderman Engler. All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

January 14, 2009

Minutes Taken By:

Jean Bevington