



Public Safety Committee Minutes
January 12, 2009, 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 January 12, 2009. Call to order 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Polites, Engler, J. Drolet
Members Not Present: Schmidt
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: J. West, N. Drolet, J. Albrecht, R. Reckamp, A. Medford, J. Mouser
Other Persons Present: Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Walter Denton (City Adm.); Pam Funk (Assist. City Adm.); Ken Pajares, Chris and Ken Katzer
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of December 8, 2008. Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the December 8, 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 provided a handout outlining his request for speed limit restrictions on Old Collinsville Rd, between the Frontage Rd. and Milburn School Rd. He recommends 30 MPH from Frontage Rd. to Fountains Parkway and 40 MPH from Fountains Parkway to Milburn School Rd. These limits are based upon the engineering of the roadway after it is rebuilt in the near future (the limits are appropriate for the current configuration as well). The City of Fairview Heights has been consulted and agrees with the proposed limits. There was discussion of the speed limit on the portion of Old Collinsville Rd north of Milburn School Rd. that is within the City's jurisdiction; however, the necessary study had not been conducted so no action will be taken at this time.

Action: Refer to full Council.

Motion: J. Drolet made a motion to amend the Speed Limit Schedules to include a 30 MPH speed limit for Old Collinsville Rd. between the Frontage Rd. and Fountains Parkway and 40 MPH from Fountains Parkway to Milburn School Rd. Second by D. Polites. All ayes. *Note, the City of Fairview Heights will consider a similar ordinance in keeping with the existing Intergovernmental Agreement.*

Disposition: Open

Item 2. Speed Limitation on Hwy 50 – Dennis Sullivan provided a handout showing the various speed limits along Highway 50 in O’Fallon. There are 4 changes and three different speed limits (45, 40 and 35). After discussion the committee directed the City Engineer to petition IDOT to change the posted limit between Smiley and Seven Hills Rd. from 40 to 35. In addition to reducing the speed limit on a congested portion of the roadway the change would provide continuity from approximately Third Street to Seven Hills.

Action: City Engineer to Petition IDOT

Motion: Motion to support petition made by D. Polites, second by J. Drolet. All ayes.

Disposition: Open

Item 3. Additional Stop Sign for Prairie Farms Dairy – Prairie Farms has been issued a permit to use a portable stop sign complete with flashing red light to be placed in the roadway when trucks being off-loaded block the existing sign. The sign is not yet in place. In addition, the City has installed a second sign on the north side of 5th street for better visibility.

Action: No additional action necessary.

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

New Business

Item 4. Change in No Parking Regulation around St. Clare School – Based upon a letter received from the school Principal (Ken Pajares who was present at the meeting), Dennis Sullivan presented a hand-out outlining the request. St. Clare is asking for the following: 1) eliminate the No Parking zone along the west side of Oak between 2nd and 3rd; 2) add a No Parking zones for the first 50 feet of the east side of Oak St., north from 3rd Street, and; 3) add a No Parking zone for the first 75 feet of Oak St. on both sides south from 3rd Street (on school days, mornings and afternoons only). These changes are necessary as a result of the rebuilding of Oak Street. The narrowed roadway has increase congestion and made it difficult for buses to turn at the intersection.

Action: Refer to full Council.

Motion: D. Polites made a motion to approve the request as described, second by J Drolet. All ayes

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting:

Minutes Taken By:

7:40 p.m.

February 9, 2009

John Betten