



Public Safety Committee Minutes  
**February 09, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois, on February 09, 2009. Call to order 7:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: True, Polites, J. Drolet, Schmidt  
Members Not Present: Engler  
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten  
Other Aldermen Present: J. West, N. Drolet, J. Albrecht, R. Reckamp, A. Medford,  
Other Persons Present: Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Brent Saunders (Fire Chief); Walter Denton (City Adm.); Dean Rich (Dir. of Finance); Pam Funk (Assist. City Adm.); Jean Bevington (OPD); Michael Levling, Kellean Kamer and Michel D. Gale, residents  
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve Minutes of January 12, 2009. Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the January 12, 2009, minutes as presented and Alderman J. Drolet 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 the Council approved 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.

*{Note, the City of Fairview Heights will consider a similar ordinance in keeping with the existing Intergovernmental Agreement}*

**Action:** Dennis to provide new signage

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 2. Speed Limitation on Hwy 50** – Dennis Sullivan provided a handout (attached) to the Committee outlining the area of reduced speed on Hwy 50 that he petitioned IDOT. This petition would also provide continuity from Third Street to Seven Hills Road. The handout also includes the response from IDOT indicating that the simplest way for the City to control the speed limit on Hwy 50 would be for IDOT to work out a jurisdictional transfer of Hwy 50 throughout the municipal limits. After discussion, the Committee felt this was too big of an expense for the City to undertake and withdrew the request.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

### **New Business**

**Item 1. Moye School Traffic Safety** – Chairman True recognized City resident, Kelleen Kamer a School Bus Driver, who petitioned the Committee to provide a crossing guard in the area of Moye School for the safety of the students. Ms. Kamer felt the traffic congestion was unsafe for the students, would like more police visibility and a four-way stop at Moye and Victoria. Chief Betten addressed this issue by informing Ms. Kamer that the City has worked on this traffic problem numerous times, letters have been sent home with the students informing parents of the traffic flow. The request for a four-way stop at Moye and Victoria would only back up traffic and make conditions worse. The placement of Crossing Guards is a subject that will be addressed in the near future by OPD and the School Districts, however, in the interim the police will be more visible in the Moye School area.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 2. OTHS Intergovernmental Agreement** – Chief Betten provided a handout involving an Intergovernmental License Agreement between the City of O’Fallon and the Board of Education of O’Fallon Township High School District 203. This Agreement involves the use of District 203’s buildings and grounds in exchange for the City’s one-time payment (\$75,000) to the Milburn School Campus for a portion of the cost of an emergency generator installed at the Milburn School Campus. The City shall be permitted to use any of the School District’s building and grounds for emergency purposes. After careful consideration, the Committee requested the Agreement be amended to include a clause to have money returned (or pro-rate return) if the Agreement is terminated by either Party.

**Action:** Agreement to be amended

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Open

**Item 3. Parking Issue 200 Block of East 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dennis Sullivan provided a hand out to the Committee regarding a request to place a “handicapped” parking sign in front of 215 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to provide ample space for a handicapped visitor to this residence. Mr. Michael Levling resident of 215 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> informed the Committee that his neighbors are not very cooperative in allowing the parking space in front of his home to be left vacant to allow a handicapped person the use of this space. The Committee addressed this request by asking Mr. Levling to contact his neighbors and asking them to allow the space in front of his residence left vacant or by parking there himself and moving just before the handicapped person arrives. The City would have to comply with all the handicap restrictions to all handicapped reserved parking and presently the City does not provide parking for these individuals in front of a private residence. The consensus of the Committee is the request is not warranted.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

**Item 4. Police, EMS, Fire and BFPC Department's Budget Review** – Chief Betten provided the Committee with handouts of the FY 2009-10 Police, EMS and Board of Fire and Police Commissioner's Budgets (attached)

**Police Department**

Chief Betten reviewed the Police Department's Budget showing the decrease in expenditures for the FY 09-10. Chief reviewed each line item indicating decreases in all line items possible, cutting all unneeded purchases and travel and utilizing all training provided by the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. Salaries ascend due to the Union increases per contract.

**EMS**

Chief Betten reviewed the increase in salary line item (union increases and overtime which includes the 24 hour shifts). Building maintenance, Computer Services and Equipment line items all decreased as the Chief explained the parking lot was paved in FY 08; purchases of dispatch equipment and server (shared with Police).

**Board of Fire and Police Commissioners**

Chief Betten reviewed the BFPC line items with the only change being an increase in line item of Professional Services as the Promotional Testing and Assessment will be done in December 2009.

**Fire Department**

Chief Saunders presented the Committee with a copy of the First Fire Department FY09-10 Budget (attached)

Chief Saunders reviewed each line item and explained the "Reserve" and "Vehicle Reserve" line items to the Committee.

The Committee discussed and approved all of the above budgets as presented.

**Action:** None

**Motion:** None

**Disposition:** Closed

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

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**9:06 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

**March 9, 2009**

**Minutes Taken By:**

**Jean Bevington**