

**Public Works Committee
Minutes
7:00 P.M.; March 23, 2009**

Minutes of a meeting of the City of O'Fallon's Public Works Committee, held in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois on March 23, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Medford, N. Drolet, Bennett, Reckamp, Engler
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: West, Schmidt, Albrecht, Polites, J. Drolet
STAFF LIAISON: Bell, Sullivan, Bowman, Rich, Denton, Funk
GUESTS: Dave Pfeifer, Kellean Kamer, Michael Gale, Monty Baneerjee, Erick Harris

Minutes from February 23, 2009 were approved.

- Item 1. **AI:** 6300 N. Illinois Fire Hydrant, Fairview Heights – Staff has been reviewing areas that do have adequate hydrant coverage for either commercial or residential fire protection. Staff contacted both the Fairview and O'Fallon Fire Departments and requested a list of areas they felt additional fire hydrants were needed. The closest hydrant to 6300 N. Illinois is across the street (Highway 159) at the rear of a restaurant. Staff received a proposal from L.W. Contractors in the amount of \$26,000 to provide a hydrant at 6300 N. Illinois. The installation will require an IDOT Utility Permit for permission to bore under the road. Members of the Committee inquired if there could be a cost share with Fairview Fire Department for placing this new hydrant. Lt. Harris from the Fairview Fire Department stated that his department was willing to make an offer of \$5,000 towards the installation of the fire hydrant. Committee discussed it further and would like staff to contact McDonalds, Auto Tire and the City of Fairview Heights for additional cost sharing. (Open).
- Item 2. **AI:** 1080 Oxford Hill Road - Sanitary Sewer Backup Relief Program – Mr. Banerjee, the homeowner, spoke to the committee and explained his interpretation of the program is different than staff's. He misunderstood the amount of the City contribution to the program. Staff explained what had transpired during the process. Committee consensus was to stay with the current program reimbursement of up to half of a \$6,000 cost for an installation. Beyond \$6,000 was all the responsibility of the resident. The City's maximum participation remains limited to \$3,000 or half the cost of an installation, whichever is less. (Closed)
- Item 3. **AI:** 221 E. Adams Stormwater Concern – Kellean Kamer and Michael Gale of 216 N. Vine spoke for 221 E. Adams. Karen Lee Maloney was unable to make the meeting. Kellean and Michael have lived at 216 for 2 years and have spoken to the neighbors on drainage issues. Kellean and Michael said this

POI: Point of Information

AI: Action Item

issue has been going on for over 60 years. They and Ms. Maloney want the City to clean out the ditch. Staff informed the Committee that this is a private property issue. Staff further stated that there is a plan for drainage improvements in this area. The project, however, has 10 to 15 phases, and it would be 5 to 6 years at least before a phase affecting this situation was constructed. (Open)

Item 4. **AI:** Sewer Recapture Agreement, Century Development's Airport Storage – The facility is to be located on East Highway 50, and the development corporation would like to enter into a recapture agreement with the City for sanitary sewer service. The sewer main to serve the area on the south side of Highway 50 would tie into the manhole by the Motomart's Carwash. Staff informed the committee that the City Attorney has reviewed the document in draft. Staff is to contact the City Attorney to prepare a final document and forward it to City Council for action. (Closed)

Motion: Committee recommended approval of the Sewer Recapture Agreement by the full Council, once the City Attorney is satisfied with the language.

Item 5. **AI:** Water Service Charges – Utility Billing staff requested cleaning up the verbiage in City Ordinances pertaining to some miscellaneous language and charges. Section 52.086 currently states monthly billing is handled by the City Clerk's Office. That reference needs to be changed to Utility Billing Office. Utility Billing requested that payment be provided for bills by account owners within 14 days of the billing date. Committee discussed this and felt the time frame did not allow enough time for payment. Committee changed the wording to 30 days. The committee wanted the same change in regards to Section 52.057, Late Payment Charge. For Section 52.088, Discontinuance of Water Service for Delinquent Accounts, the committee wanted that changed to 60 days. Committee requested staff to review the sections of the City ordinances that deal with sanitary sewer charges to ensure the time frames found there are in order and submit it to the committee for approval. (Open)

Motion: Committee recommends approval of the ordinance changes as discussed for the water sections of the City Ordinances.

Item 6. **AI:** 638 Carol Ann Drive ERT Appeal – The homeowner had requested the damage charges being waived. The water meter sits in a neighbor's yard. After a brief discussion, the committee decided to waive the charges. (Closed)

Item 7. **AI:** Excess Property – 120/121 Carbon Hill, 117 Main Street and 209 Hartman – Staff requested placing these properties on a surplus list for possible sale. Staff needs to obtain the required appraisals and create a resolution for the sale of these properties and forward it to full Council for approval. (Closed)

Motion: Committee recommends approval of placing these properties on a surplus.

- Item 8. **POI:** 1440 Ashfield Glen Mailbox – The City Administrator, Mr. Denton, informed the committee that the City Attorney, Dale Funk, will be sending a letter to the resident along with a reimbursement check for repairs to the mailbox. (Closed)
- Item 9. **POI:** Sewer Rate Adjustment – Special Meeting – Staff informed the committee that it planned on having a special meeting on April 16th to provide information on the wastewater program. Committee requested the date be changed to April 23rd. Therefore, the meeting will be held on April 23rd at City Hall, 6:30 to 8:30pm. The impetus for the meeting and potential sewer rate adjustment is that staff is working the submission of projects to obtain stimulus package money for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and general system repairs. To qualify for this funding, a consultant(s) needs to be hired to progress a design that can be executed within the short window of time required by the stimulus package. The committee understood the urgency of the actions required to qualify for stimulus funding and supported the acquisition of design services with the realization that funds will need to be borrowed from the Water Enterprise Fund to support the design. The Wastewater Enterprise Fund is depleted at this time. Staff will prepare a resolution with an engineering agreement(s) for Council approval when the agreement(s) have been obtained from the consultant(s).
- Item 10. **POI:** Carriel Jr. High School Connecting Sidewalk –No Action. (Open)
- Item 11. **POI:** 1102 Lorien Court Drainage – No Action. (Open)
- Item 12. **POI:** 211 Howard Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 13. **POI:** Lee & Howard Intersection & Drainage Ditch – No Action. (Open)
- Item 14. **POI:** 209 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 15. **POI:** 506 Dartmouth Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 16. **POI:** Weber and 50 Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 17. **POI:** 704 Oak Creek Court – No Action. (Open)
- Item 18. **POI:** 600 Block of E. Washington Street Vacation – No Action. (Open)
- Item 19. **POI:** 1105 Elisabeth Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)
- Item 20. **POI:** 122 Central Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 21. **POI:** 8525 Treybrooke Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)

- Item 22. **POI:** Wesley Pond Easements - No Action. (Open)
- Item 23. **POI:** Moyer School Detention (1064 Oxford Hill Drainage Problem) – No Action. (Open).
- Item 24. **POI:** 314 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 25. **POI:** 506 N. Cherry Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 26. **POI:** 878 Misty Valley Sump Pump Drain Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 27. **POI:** 861 Misty Valley Sump Drain Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 28. **POI:** 621 Wintergreen Sump Pump Drain Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 29. **POI:** Misty Valley Street End of Roadway Drainage - No Action. (Open)
- Item 30. **POI:** Mulberry Ditch Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 31. **POI:** 931 Crabapple Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 P.M. PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 P.M., to be held in the Mayor's Conference Room or Council Chambers at City Hall dependent upon the number of visitors at the meeting.