



Public Safety Committee Minutes
April 13, 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 April 13, 2009. Call to order 6:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: True, Polites, J. Drolet, Engler, Schmidt
Members Not Present: All Present
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten
Other Aldermen Present: Rick Reckamp, Jerry Albrecht, Allen Medford
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton (City Adm.); Dennis Sullivan (City Engineer); Pam Funk (Assist. City Adm.); Jean Bevington (OPD); John West, Steve Hellin, O'Fallon Residents
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman True declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve minutes of March 09, 2009. Alderman Polites made a Motion to accept the March 09, 2009, minutes as presented and Alderman J. Drolet seconded. All ayes.

Note: Chairman True requested the meeting to proceed earlier than the scheduled time and he would keep meeting open till 7:00 p.m. in case individuals would come to present their case to the Committee (if on the Agenda) or bring in other issues. Hearing no objections and having a full Committee, Chairman True proceeded with the meeting.

Old Business

Item 1. Proposal to SAFB for Ambulance Service (Not on Agenda) – Chief Betten informed the Committee that the City of O'Fallon did not receive the SAFB Ambulance Contract, the City's bid came in second.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: None

New Business

1. Three-Way Stop Donna Drive and Northridge Court – Dennis Sullivan, City Engineer, informed the Committee that a resident requested this stop sign (attachment) request because of children crossing the street for the bus stop and the residents in that area feel there is too much traffic to cross the road safely

and requested the three-way stop. The Committee discussed this request and reviewed the area and the consensus of the Committee is the three-way stop at Donna Drive and Northridge Court is not warranted.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

2. Four-Way Stop at State and Oak - Alderman Schmidt requested the Committee to take a second look at this four-way stop (Attachment). She informed the Committee that the use of this stop at Oak draws more traffic in the residential areas because of the access to State Street. Alderman Schmidt's request is to make a two-way stop at State Street stopping for Oak. The Committee reviewed her request but considering the circumstances that Oak Street's line of site is blocked by two buildings which are jettied right on the side walks which make the vehicle's four-way stop safer at State and Oak. The Committee will review Alderman's Schmidt's request after a Volume and Speed Study is done. Alderman Polites made a Motion to hold this request until study is performed and results are tabulated, Alderman Engler seconded the Motion. All ayes. Chairman True placed request on hold until after study is performed and results are tabulated.

Action: Volume and Speed Study

Motion: Motion to place request for two-way stop (@ State Street stopping for Oak) on hold

Disposition: Open

3. 35 MPH Speed Limit for Simmons Road between Porter and Fairwood Hills – Dennis Sullivan requested that the Committee consider lowering the current 45 mph speed limit on Simmons Road between Fairwood Hills and Porter/Venita. The request is based upon the belief that the 45 mph speed limit approaching the proposed roundabout will cause the design to include an extension of median type curbing that will add unnecessary cost to the project and could hamper the smooth movement of agricultural equipment that frequently use this area. The discussion focused on the fact that 35 mph was probably too low for the current conditions. The Committee indicated that they would support a resolution (or an ordinance) going to the Council to reflect support of a lower speed limit when the roundabout becomes a reality.

Action: Resolution to go to Council

Motion: None made.

Disposition: Closed

4. Change to No Parking Ordinance (Public Property) – Dennis Sullivan, informed the Committee he is getting complaints and also visual violations of RVs and semi trucks parking on City property for long periods of time. Conditions which allow such parking is when the City is having a function when large semi trucks and RVs are used for Carnivals, School Events or Special Events approved by the City in advance. They are allowed to park with a permit only and the permit expires in a few days. The problems now involve RVs and semi-trucks parking for long periods of time on public property. Chief Betten informed the Committee that he would provide language for an Ordinance with

weight and height regulations for parking on public property and bring this language to Council. The Committee was in agreement with Chief Betten's proposal.

Action: Chief Betten to forward to Engineering weight and height restrictions for Ordinance on parking on public property

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	7:10 p.m.
Next Meeting:	May 11, 2009
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington