

**Public Works Committee
Minutes
7:00 P.M.; October 26, 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 October 26, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Reckamp, True, Engler
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: McCoskey, Albrecht, N. Drolet, J. Drolet
STAFF LIAISON: Bell, Sullivan, Bowman, Denton, Rich
GUESTS: Dave Pfeifer

Minutes from September 29, 2009 were approved.

- Item 1. **POI:** Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) - Staff attended IPWMAN's first annual conference. IPWMAN was formed in conjunction with the Illinois American Public Works Association and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to provide mutual aid response. O'Fallon is currently not a member of IPWMAN. The cost for O'Fallon to be a member is \$250 per year. So far, 50 plus communities belong to IPWMAN throughout the state while none in our IDOT Region. Once a member, response to a call for help is voluntary, as is aid to member requesting assistance. If aid is provided the responding agency must be on the ground for a minimum of 12 hours. At the end of the 5th day of aid, if the requesting agency wants a crew to remain to assist, the requester then pays all associated cost from that time on. The IPWMAN organization has created a standard mutual aid agreement which spells out all responsibilities and liabilities of being a member. IPWMAN is an association of governmental agencies (city, township and county), unlike ILWARN (Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) which is an association of water and wastewater agencies both public and private. With ILWARN, the requesting agency pays all costs and assumes liabilities. ILWARN, however, will not address transportation network or stormwater issues. Staff will research costs of a response by an O'Fallon crew as if we were a member to allow further consideration. (Open)
- Item 2. **POI:** Deduct Water Meter – Staff asked the committee their preference on either having deduct meters or sewer averaging. After a brief discussion, staff will consult with Utility Billing on whether our current software is capable of handling both a deduct meter and sewer averaging in a billing cycle. (Open)
- Item 3. **POI:** Surplus Property – Carbon Hill, Hartman Lane and Main Street – Staff reported appraisals underway with nothing to report at this meeting. (Open)

POI: Point of Information

AI: Action Item

- Item 10. **POI:** Mowing of Riparian Areas Along Engle Creek – Resident Dave Pfeifer addressed the committee on this issue. He doesn't want the Homeowners Association of Winding Creek to mow the area by the creek in the common areas adjacent to the bridge on Smiley. This area was established prior to the now existing Ordinance language regarding maintenance to and encroachment onto riparian areas (circa 2006). Committee requested staff send a letter to the Homeowners Association asking if they would consider not mowing this area. Alderman Albrecht said he would be the contact person in the letter and also speak to the Homeowners Association at their next meeting. (Open)
- Item 4. **POI:** Erosion Repair of Engle Creek through Fairwood Hills, Winding Creek and Deer Creek Subdivisions – Resident Dave Pfeifer had addressed the committee at the last meeting stating that there were few detention ponds in the Engle Creek watershed. Staff presented a map of O'Fallon watersheds based on a United States Geological Survey (USGS) and a map based on 2005 aerial digital photography showing detention ponds and farm ponds used for detention purposes in subdivisions in the Engle Creek watershed. (Closed)
- Item 5. **POI:** Notice of Violation (NOV), Zinc Discharge @ WWTP – Staff informed the committee that we will be meeting with the IEPA on November 13th. We have heard that Illinois-American Water Company the source of the zinc in the waters processed at our WWTP will change their corrosion inhibitor process, switching from a zinc compound to another inhibitor. (Open)
- Item 6. **POI:** IEPA's Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action, Water System Upgrades – Elevated Storage Towers and Booster Pump Station – Staff will be meeting with IEPA on November 13th to inform them of progress on the new French Village Booster Pump Station and the Elevated Water Storage Towers on Kyle and Pausch Roads. The only issue of concern is that IEPA is still using an erroneous number for O'Fallon's average daily usage which determines the amount of water storage needed. (Open)
- Item 7. **POI:** 1101 Elisabeth, Residential Property Stormwater System – The homeowner was experiencing drainage issues on their property and affecting other property owners. As the property owner met all requirements of the new City policy put in place for reimbursement up to \$1500, and the work was carried out by L W Contractors who notified the Engineering Group of the project prior to commencement. It is staff's opinion that the work carried out was in all other ways consistent with the policy and would have received funding had the property owner know of the policy prior to the work. As such, this work will be the first, in part, funded by the new policy. (Closed)

- Item 8. **POI:** Old City Hall Mold Problem, Movement of Fire Department Administration to 200 S. Lincoln – Staff showed the committee a drawing of the proposed areas of renovation to 200 S. Lincoln to accommodate the Fire Department. No Elevator will be required at this due to the fact that the upstairs storage space will be under 965 square feet. (Closed)
- Item 9. **POI:** Rieder Road Water Main Extension – Staff reported all easements have been obtained. There is still some pipe to be procured, but installation is on hold until the crops are harvested. (Closed)
- Item 10. **POI:** Old Collinsville Road Reconstruction – Staff reported to the committee that we are down to (2) two easements left to obtain. The City of Fairview Heights City Council passed the joint agreement and approved their share of the funding. As such the project is on track for bidding this winter. (Closed)
- Item 11. **POI:** Milburn School Road Reconstruction – Staff informed the committee that the preliminary design of the roundabout and roadway reconstruction is complete. The project is ready for IDOT and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) review. A roundabout was selected for the intersection of Milburn School Road and Merriam Parkway to reduce maintenance costs of a signaled intersection and provide some traffic calming in the area of the OTHS 9th Grade Campus. (Closed)
- Item 12. **POI:** Porter-Simmons Roundabout – Staff informed committee that the project report has been approved and signed by Caseyville Township Road District and is on its way for IDOT and FHWA approval. The project report's approval allows the obtainment of needed right-of-way and easements. (Closed)
- Item 13. **POI:** WWTP Emergency Clarifier Repairs – Staff informed committee that we are standing by for news from the company on a delivery date of the parts needed to make the repair. The tentative scheduled start is the second week in November. (Closed)
- Item 14. **AI:** Land Acquisition Services, Roundabout at Porter and Simmons Road Intersection – The project report for the reconstruction of Porter & Simmons Road Intersection scheduled for this coming summer has been submitted for approval by IDOT and the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). Approval of this report allows the commencement of land acquisition (right-of-way, permanent easements and temporary construction easements). Bernardin-Lochmueller & Associates (BLA) was asked to provide a proposal for the land acquisition necessary to allow reconstruction of the intersection shown in the final design. BLA has the in-house staff to do the necessary appraisals, waivers of appraisal, negotiations for easements and right-of-ways, and necessary IDOT certifications for the land acquisition process. In

this way, BLA can expedite the required land acquisition requirements which need to be finalized in approximately 3 months. (Closed)
Motion: Committee recommended approval of the agreement with BLA in the amount of \$12,400.

- Item 15. **POI:** 1102 Lorien Court Drainage – No Action. (Open)
- Item 16. **POI:** 211 Howard Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 17. **POI:** Lee & Howard Intersection & Drainage Ditch – No Action. (Open)
- Item 18. **POI:** 209 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 19. **POI:** 506 Dartmouth Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 20. **POI:** Weber and 50 Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 21. **POI:** 704 Oak Creek Court – No Action. (Open)
- Item 22. **POI:** 600 Block of E. Washington Street Vacation – No Action. (Open)
- Item 23. **POI:** 1105 Elisabeth Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)
- Item 24. **POI:** 8525 Treybrooke Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)
- Item 25. **POI:** Moye School Detention (1064 Oxford Hill Drainage Problem) – No Action. (Open).
- Item 26. **POI:** 314 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 27. **POI:** 506 N. Cherry Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 28. **POI:** Mulberry Ditch Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 29. **POI:** 931 Crabapple Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 30. **POI:** Illinois Water/Waterwater Agency Response Network (ILWARN)

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15P.M. PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 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.