



Public Safety Committee Minutes
December 14, 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 December 14, 2009. Call to order 7:45 p.m. following conclusion of Community Development Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: N. Drolet, Cozad, and Engler
Members Not Present: Renner
Staff Liaison: Chief Betten OPD and Chief Saunders OFD
Other Aldermen Present: Albrecht, Bennett, J. Drolet, Polites, Reckamp, Snyder, True
Other Persons Present: Walter Denton, City Administrator; Pam Funk, Assist. City Administrator; Dean Rich, Finance; Jean Bevington, OPD; Herb Roach, Stuart Kasten OF Residents, and Steven Huelskoetter and Peter Cantwell Presenters from Municipal Dynamics
Media Persons Present: None

Chairman Drolet declared a quorum present and requested a Motion to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2009, Alderman Engler made a Motion to accept the Minutes of September 14, 2009, as presented and Alderman Cozad seconded. All ayes.

Old Business

No Old Business on Agenda

New Business

Item 1. 504 S. Walnut (Home Business?) – Alderman Engler addressed the Committee on this issue informing them that the continuing of sales on this property has ceased and the issue has been resolved.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 2. Administrative Court – Chief Betten provided the Committee with a handout (attached) and reviewed the pros and cons for the City to implement an Administrative Court System. Chief gave examples of two local communities that are comparable to O'Fallon and have this Court System, these communities write a significant amount of AC tickets compared to O'Fallon, therefore, Chief Betten's recommendation is that we can not justify the cost of implementing this program at the present time.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

Item 3. Administrative Tow Fees – Chief provided the Committee with a handout (attached) which explains the procedures for the City to charge an Administrative Towing Fee for all vehicles that are towed when a Criminal Arrest is made and the car is towed. The tow charges will cover the costs of the arrest and is recouped by the City. The Committee reviewed the tow charges (\$250-\$500) and a Motion was made by Alderman Engler to recommend to Council the implementation of the Administrative Tow Fees, Alderman Cozad seconded the Motion. All Ayes

Action: None

Motion: Motion to recommend to Council the implementation of the Administrative Tow Fees

Disposition: Closed

Item 4. Non-District Fire Department Fees – Fire Chief Saunders provided a handout of an Ordinance (attached) establishing service fees for non-residents of the City when the Fire Department responds. (O’Fallon-Shiloh Valley-Caseyville Fire Protection District shall be exempt from this Ordinance.) This Ordinance will allow charges up to \$70 per hour per firefighter and up to \$250 per apparatus. There will be no charges for Mutual Aid calls. Aldermen had concerns involved the wording of the Ordinance regarding costs and will the District follow suit? Chief Saunders informed the Committee that the City Attorney wrote the Ordinance and the District is to vote on their own Ordinance with similar wording and fees. The Committee discussed this Ordinance and the fees involved and a Motion was made by Alderman Cozad to recommend to Council the Ordinance Establishing Service Fees for Non-Residents and was seconded by Ned Drolet. 2 Ayes (Cozad and Drolet); 1 Nay (Engler)

Note: A copy of the District’s Ordinance is also attached

Action: None

Motion: Motion to recommend to Council the Ordinance Establishing Service Fees for Non-Residents of the City Fire Department

Disposition: Closed

Item 5&6. Alarm Registration Program and Fees – Chairman Drolet recognized Mr. Peter Cantwell and Mr. Steven Huelskoetter of Municipal Dynamics who addressed the Committee on the Alarm Registration Program (Fees). Mr. Cantwell informed the Committee and other Aldermen present of his Company’s research of Alarm Companies and their ability to use the Police and Fire Department’s resources without any extra payment to the City. His Company contacted the Alarm Companies with residents and businesses and came up with the statistics of 98% of the alarms are false and only 15% are alarm owner penetration. These false alarms require police, fire or local alarm company visit or call. Most alarm companies call the local police department to investigate, thereby taking away from regular police duties. Municipal Dynamics will provide a service to the City of charging the alarm companies a flat rate of \$25.00 Annual Registration Fee to provide the extra Police and Fire protection to the individual and businesses who have selected to have an alarm on their property, thereby creating additional revenue for the City. However, this fee would require an Ordinance from the City. Aldermen discussions followed and a Motion was made by Alderman Engler to table this issue until Chief Betten could research O’Fallon alarm statistics, Alderman Cozad seconded the Motion.

Municipal Dynamic proposal attached

Action: Issue Tabled

Motion: Motion tabled until research completed

Disposition: Open

Item 7. Residential Rental License Program – Chairman Drolet informed the Committee that he will return this Item to the Community Development Committee as it already is on their Agenda.

Action: None

Motion: None

Disposition: Closed

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

Meeting Adjourned:	9:00 p.m.
Next Meeting:	January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Minutes Taken By:	Jean Bevington