

**Public Works Committee
Minutes
7:00 P.M.; February 22, 2010**

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 February 22, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 7:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS: Reckamp, True, Snyder; Absent: Engler, Polites
NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMEN: McCoskey, N. Drolet, J. Drolet, Bennett, Albrecht
STAFF LIAISON: Bell, Sullivan, Bowman, Denton, Rich, Funk, Erb
GUESTS: Herb Roach, Bill Schaefer

Minutes from January 25, 2010 were approved.

- Item 1. POI:** 1102 Lorien Court Drainage – No Action. (Open)
- Item 2. POI:** 209 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 3. POI:** 704 Oak Creek Court – No Action. (Open)
- Item 4. POI:** 600 Block of E. Washington Street Vacation – No Action. (Open)
- Item 5. POI:** 1105 Elisabeth Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)
- Item 6. POI:** 8525 Treybrooke Drainage Problem - No Action. (Open)
- Item 7. POI:** 221 E. Adams Stormwater Concern – No Action. (Open)
- Item 8. POI:** Moye School Detention (1064 Oxford Hill Drainage Problem) – No Action. (Open).
- Item 9. POI:** 314 Joy Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 10. POI:** 506 N. Cherry Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open).
- Item 11. POI:** 931 Crabapple Drainage Problem – No Action. (Open)
- Item 12. POI:** Water Service Charges – No Action. (Open)
- Item 13. POI:** 6300 N Illinois Fire Hydrant – Fairview Heights – No Action. (Open)
- Item 14. POI:** Illinois Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ILWARN) – No Action. (Open)

POI: Point of Information

AI: Action Item

- Item 15. POI:** Mowing of Riparian Areas along Engle Creek - Alderman Albrecht is to report back to the Committee after the next Winding Creek Homeowners Association meeting. Tentative meeting date is the first week of March. (Open)
- Item 16. POI:** Analysis of Current Infrastructure Funding (including Facilities) - Staff reported that the O'Fallon analysis was presented to the District 8 Branch of the Illinois Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) as promised in the last Public Works Committee meeting. The APWA audience consisted of various cities' staff members as well as consulting engineers. No other cities volunteered that they had such numbers available for comparison. Everyone agreed that the nation's, region's, and local infrastructure is degrading with no source of funding to correct the problem. (Closed)
- Item 17. POI:** Jamestown Culvert Pipes Lining – Staff has received the proposal; however it has not been reviewed. A meeting on 3/24/10 is to be held with the consultant to review the proposal. (Open)
- Item 18. POI:** New Law on 80,000 lb. Trucks – No Action. (Open)
- Item 19. POI:** Howard and Estate Drainage Problem – Staff is meeting with a consultant on 3/25/10 to discuss possible solutions. (Open)
- Item 20. AI:** Sewer Service Surcharge for Industrial Users – Staff presented proposed changes in the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Suspended Solids (SS) rates for industrial users. The last time the rates were changed was 2006. The proposed fees would have been \$0.22 for BOD per pound and \$0.41 per pound for SS, from \$0.17 and \$0.32, respectively. The rates are computed yearly in the analysis done for the City of O'Fallon's Shiloh Sewer Rates. Staff presented examples as requested by the committee of the difference in billing amounts for the two dairies affected by the possible rate change. The Committee discussed how often the rate should be changed in the ordinance and whether or not to use a 3 or 5-year running average.
- Motion:** Committee recommended amendment of the ordinance that establishes the fee yearly, using a running three-year average of the computed values. (Closed)
- Item 21. AI:** Sidewalk Snow Clearance Ordinance – Staff was asked by a citizen, "Why don't you have a city ordinance on this issue?" Staff presented an example of the ordinance that the City of Carbondale currently uses which has been tested by litigation. Staff also presented the State of Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act. The Committee's conclusion was whether a citizen

cleans or doesn't clean off the sidewalk adjacent to their property, they are not liable for a slip or fall occurring there. Therefore, the Committee decided that such an ordinance is not necessary and enforcement would be problematic. The Committee also discussed the current street snow plowing policy regarding cul-de-sac's. After a long discussion, the Committee requested the policy be changed to "no streets excluded" with the understanding that cul-de-sac's would remain a low priority. Staff will make the change recommended. (Closed)

Item 22. AI: FY11 Streets Budget – General Fund – Staff presented the Street Budget with a brief discussion on line items of note, or those changing greatly from previous year submittals. Due to the economic situation, the Streets Budget is bare bones.

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$2,586,800. (Closed)

Item 23. AI: FY11 Facilities Budget – General Fund – Staff presented the Facilities Budget with brief discussion on line items of note, or those changing greatly from previous year's submittal. The Facilities Budget was first presented last year and as such does not have the history that the other budget line items have. It covers general maintenance and operation of City Hall, 200 South, Old City Hall, Historical Society Museum, Depot, and Caboose. The two largest items in the coming fiscal year budget are a roof replacement on the flat section of roof on City Hall and the inclusion of funding for replacement of an HVAC unit on City Hall or 200 South.

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$213,600. (Closed)

Item 24. AI: FY11 Prop S Budget – Staff presented the Prop S Budget that is supported by the ½% sales tax on general merchandise sold in the City. A large stormwater project just east of LaVerna Evans Elementary School will take approximately 50% of the available funding for work this coming fiscal year.

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$1,601,000. (Closed)

Item 25. AI: FY11 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Budget – Staff presented the MFT Budget with a brief discussion on line items of note, or those changing greatly from previous year submittals. This coming fiscal year, starting in May 2010, could possibly see construction on Old Collinsville Road, Milburn Road, and at the intersection of Porter and Simmons Road. Funding over the past few years has been accumulated to pay for the City's share of these improvements

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$2,044,890. (Closed)

Item 26. AI: FY11 Water Fund Budget – Staff presented the Water Enterprise Fund Budget with a brief discussion on line items of note, or those changing greatly from previous year submittals. The FY2011 budget includes large commitments to water line extensions to improve service and redundancy of means to serve areas; vehicle and equipment procurement; and repayment of the IEPA loans that paid for the construction of the new French Village booster pump station and water storage towers.

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$8,960,620. (Closed)

Item 27. AI: FY11 Wastewater Budget – Staff presented the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget with a brief discussion on line items of note, or those changing greatly from previous year submittals. Due to the wastewater rate increase placed in effect in July of 2010, funding is now available to take on the numerous maintenance and repair requirements that have built-up over the years when funding was not available. Major activities planned for this coming fiscal year are replacement of the Anne, Alma, and Edward area sanitary sewer mains; repair of 40 manholes subject to infiltration and intrusion (I&I); lining of sewer mains subject to I&I; and replacement of the supervisory, control, and data acquisition (SCADA) system at the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion: Committee recommended accepting the budget as presented. The total is \$4,895,120. (Closed)

ADJOURNMENT: 9:48 P.M. PREPARED BY: Heide Bell

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010 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.