

**O'FALLON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Draft March 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham. He led the Council in "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, called the roll: Nila Grogan, present; Gene McCoskey, present; Ed True, present; Dan Polites, present; Rick Reckamp, present; Jerry Mouser, present; John Drolet, present; David Snyder, present; Michael Bennett, present; Dennis Renner, present; Ned Drolet, present; Steve Engler, present; Jerry Albrecht, excused; David Cozad, present. A quorum was declared present.

Motion by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – None scheduled.

RESIDENTS - No one stepped forward.

J. Mouser commended the Fire, Police, and EMS for assisting him recently. He lauded them on their excellent response and care.

REPORTS:

Clerk's Report: No report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Graham read a proclamation declaring March 15, 2010 as Keith Surber Day in recognition of his achievements in wrestling.

He also stated this month's Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors is scheduled for Thursday, March 25th at the Double Tree Hotel in Collinsville. Please RSVP to Jamie by March 22nd.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by R. Reckamp and seconded E. True to approve Resolution Item 1- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign supporting documentation for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Carsons and Behrens Street area Sewer Project, Phase 3.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 13; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

1st Readings – Motion by J. Mouser and seconded D. Renner to approve Item 2, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Section 51.070, Sewer Service Rates.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 13; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

2nd Readings – No 1st reading brought forward.

STANDING COMMITTEES –

Community Development: Motion by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to consider the following Special Event requests under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Graham read the following:

Approve with conditions the Special Event Permit request from Students Who Care for the Answer to Cancer 5k Run/walk on Saturday, May 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the OTHS Smiley Campus

Approve with conditions the Special Event request from Frieze Harley-Davidson to host the Pre Rally Party on Friday, June 4th from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. and the Rally Open House on Saturday, June 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Approve with conditions the Special Event request from St. Clair Bowl to run a Tropical Sno stand from May 1 – October 31, 2010 at their location

Approve with conditions the Special Event request from the Illinois State H.O.G. Rally to hold an event from June 3 – June 5, 2010 at the Regency Conference Center, Community Park, and downtown O'Fallon

Motion by J. Mouser and seconded by D. Renner to approve with conditions the Special Event requests under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Mouser and seconded by J. Drolet to approve with conditions the Special Event request from Metro East Cycling "Bicycle Criterium Race on Sunday, June 6th from 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

M. Bennett had concerns with the lane closure on Hwy 50 and the bikes being on the roadway. He commented that he was uncertain that the residents understood the magnitude and level of inconvenience. He added that access to the park will be limited. He was also concerned about the parking.

J. Mouser added that a church meets at the Katy Cavins Community Center, and he was also concerned about the limited parking.

G. McCoskey added that there will be eleven races which will lock up the park for the other visitors, and we may lose revenue from them.

J. Drolet countered that it is an exciting opportunity for O'Fallon. He is supportive of the H.O.G. rally, but it may also drive some people away from the park. In addition, he has not heard complaints from the surrounding residents.

D. Renner was concerned with the lane closure on Hwy 50 especially on Sunday because when the churches in that area end their service there may be potential for a bottleneck. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons. Mayor Graham asked Chief Betten about any concerns with closing a lane on Hwy 50, and J. Betten replied that he does not foresee any difficulty. Mayor Graham added that no city funds will be donated for the event.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, no; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, no; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, no; Renner, no; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 9; Nays - 4. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Mouser and seconded by M. Bennett to approve with conditions the Special Event request from Wal-Mart to run their Garden Center from March 15 – July 31, 2010 at their location.

N. Drolet voiced his concern about the parking. T. Shekell stated that they requested 115 spaces, and the request is similar to what the Council has approved in the past. J. Mouser asked if they added more spaces in their expansion, and T. Shekell answered that they had.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., no; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 12; Nays - 1. Motion carried.

Public Works: Motion by R. Reckamp and seconded by G. McCoskey to authorize Dan Gentry to act as the City's authorized agent for continued use of ESRI Enterprise software at a cost of \$35,000.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 13; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Reckamp and seconded by S. Engler to approve the low bid from Illinois Electric Works of Granite City to install the Variable Frequency Drive, Orbital Oxidation Ditch at the final cost to the City of \$11,962.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 13; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety: N. Drolet stated they met and the minutes are in the packet. The next meeting will be April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance/Administration: Motion by M. Bennett and seconded by N. Grogan to approve Warrant #204 in the amount of \$698,855.21.

ROLL CALL: Grogan, aye; McCoskey, aye; True, aye; Polites, aye; Reckamp, aye; Mouser, aye; Drolet, J., aye; Snyder, aye; Bennett, aye; Renner, aye; Drolet, N., aye; Engler, aye; Cozad, aye. Ayes - 13; Nays - 0. Motion carried.

M. Bennett said the next meeting is scheduled March 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Parks and Environment: D. Polites stated that the minutes are in the packet and the next meeting is April 12th at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None scheduled.

Mayor Graham informed everyone that the US Census Bureau mailed out 11,000 Census forms to O'Fallon with Belleville as the return address. He stated that the US Census Bureau recommended that we scratch off Belleville and write in O'Fallon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by D. Renner and seconded by N. Grogan to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Philip A. Goodwin
City Clerk

Minutes taken by
Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk
Proper notice having been duly given