



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
OF MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014  
AT 200 HIGHLANDS BOULEVARD DRIVE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David L. Willson called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll call showed those present were: Alderman Clement, Alderman Stevens, Alderman Hamill, Alderman Ottenad, Alderman Schrader, Alderman Diehl, Mayor Willson and Attorney Gunn. A quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the proposed text amendment for signs in residential districts

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the proposed text amendment for signs in residential districts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and Alderman Ottenad simultaneously and carried unanimously, without objection.

- b. Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the proposed text amendment to change the number of used apparel and accessory stores in the City

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the proposed text amendment to change the number of used apparel and accessory stores in the City. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried unanimously, without objection.

- c. Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the Request for a Special Use Permit for Plato's Closet to operate a used apparel and accessory store at 14206 Manchester Road

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, April 7, 2014 Public Hearing in regard to the proposed Special Use Permit for Plato's closet to operate a used apparel and accessory store at 14206 Manchester Road. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

d. Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, April 7, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried without objection.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Order of Items on the Agenda, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried with no objections.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Comments from the Public

Mr. James Bottorff, 580 Larksmore Court, asked about old medication and wanting a Manchester location for disposal.

City Administrator Hixson answered that the Police Station already has a medication drop box.

Ms. Jennifer Bird, 9244 Laurelhill Drive, Crestwood stated she is pleased to see that there is a Resolution on the Agenda to oppose "Better Together" and their efforts to mask a discussion about whether or not to merge St. Louis City and St. Louis County. She said the Pulsinelli Law Firm gave \$2,500 to the "Slay for Mayor" Campaign in December, 2013. She does not believe the City is a bad place.

Alderman Ottenad posed a question on behalf of Ms. Pauline Bair, 305 Morewood, about the water feature.

City Attorney Patrick Gunn answered he met with people from Pace and it is under further discussion.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson stated that on April 10, he attended the Metro Mayors meeting, and on April 11, he attended the Lafayette Area Mayors Organization meeting where there was a discussion about the Parkway buses and the State Legislature about the core value program which will be changed in the State of Missouri in the way that the schools teach certain subjects in 2016.

Mayor Willson stated they had the Adult Easter Egg Hunt, there were 220 people with flashlights looking for 18 eggs, and then everyone enjoyed a bonfire. The Planning & Zoning meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and he attended the staff meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, that afternoon, along with City Administrator Hixson, Mayor Willson attended the City Clerks' meeting hosted by Manchester. Mayor Willson said there were over 50 city clerks here for the meeting, and he gave everyone a bag of M&M's.

1. Proclamation "Pay It Forward" Day

Mayor Willson presented a Proclamation for "Pay It Forward" Day to City Administrator Andy Hixson, as he is a member of the Rotary Club.

2. Proclamation – Manchester Parks Week

Mayor Willson presented a Proclamation for Manchester Parks Week to Director of Parks and Recreation Eileen Collins.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of April 6 – April 18, 2014)

There were no questions.

b. White Buffalo Deer Study

City Administrator Andy Hixson stated that White Buffalo performed a deer study and the results are that Manchester has an average of 26 deer per square mile. They also have studies in Town & Country with 43 deer per square mile and Sunset Hills with 69 deer per square mile.

Alderman Clement stated that this is a good baseline for Manchester.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on April 14 for two cases; one was a site plan approved for a single family dwelling at 752 Sulphur Spring Court and the other was a text amendment regarding mobile food establishments. The Planning and Zoning Commission tabled the discussion, and the case will probably come back to the Planning and Zoning Commission in May.

b. Historic Review Commission

Alderman Diehl stated that the Historic Review Commission did not meet, and there is no meeting scheduled at this time.

Mayor Willson stated that Mr. Ken Aston will be receiving a letter from the City for his work on the Historic Review Commission because Mr. Aston is stepping down.

c. Homecoming Committee

Alderman Ottenad stated that there will be a meeting on May 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

d. Manchester Arts

Alderman Stevens stated that there has not been a meeting, but they are currently recruiting people for the community band.

Alderman Stevens wanted to mention that in connection with their partnership with Parkway School District, there are Manchester Arts staff helping them in their big art show in Queeny Park. She said that Parkway has opened the show to “Free on Friday” for senior citizens.

9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

a. SUBSTITUTE BILL # 14-2186 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

City Attorney Gunn stated that there have been some small changes made to the Bill.

Alderman Ottenad reviewed in detail the changes made:

She said on Section A (2), it referred to small announcement and professional signs. She said the Code does not allow for professional signs for people who have a business at their house, so the reference to professional signs was removed, but the part that referred to signs not larger than two square feet in area for small announcement signs was left in the Bill.

Alderman Ottenad stated that in Section D, there had been reference to placing no more than three temporary directional signs at entrances to the subdivisions. She said if there aren't that many entrances and you want to put them at a couple places like at the entrance and then possibly four or five blocks down, these can be used on the streets now. She said the change is to place one sign at the subdivision entrances, or on subdivision streets, but no more than one directional sign per entrance. Also included is the stipulation that signs may not be placed more than two weeks prior to said event, and they shall be no more than two square feet in area.

Alderman Schrader stated he has received a cheerleading sign from Parkway School District to put in his yard, and it is four square feet; he does not believe two square feet is going to work.

Attorney Gunn stated four square feet is too big for the concept of what they are doing.

Alderman Ottenad stated the signs need to be changed to four feet, because the special school-related signs are important to families, and it was the consensus of the Board to change those signs to four square feet.

Alderman Diehl read for the second time Substitute Bill # 14-2186, as amended at this meeting, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 405.330 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS”, by title only.

Alderman Diehl made the motion that substitute Bill # 14-2186, as amended, become Ordinance # 14-2069. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Diehl – aye  
Alderman Schrader – aye  
Alderman Ottenad – aye  
Alderman Clement – aye  
Alderman Stevens – aye  
Alderman Hamill – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0, with no objections.

- b. BILL # 14-2187 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING REGULATIONS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF USED APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORES IN THE CITY

Alderman Clement read for the second time Bill # 14-2187, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO THE SALE OF USED APPAREL IN THE C-1, C-2 AND PLANNED COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY”, by title only.

Alderman Clement made the motion that Bill # 14-2187 become Ordinance # 14-2070. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Schrader – aye  
Alderman Ottenad – aye  
Alderman Clement – aye  
Alderman Stevens – aye  
Alderman Hamill – aye  
Alderman Diehl – aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 6 – 0, with no objections.

- c. BILL # 14-2188 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PLATO'S CLOSET TO OPERATE AT 14206 MANCHESTER ROAD

Alderman Hamill read for the second time Bill # 14-2188, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING THE SAME TO NORTH STAR CONSULTING, INC., D/B/A PLATO'S CLOSET, TO OPERATE A USED APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AT 14206 MANCHESTER ROAD AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 405.260 (C) (2) (d) (2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER", by title only.

Alderman Hamill made the motion that Bill # 14-2188 become Ordinance # 14-2071. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Ottenad – aye  
Alderman Clement – aye  
Alderman Stevens – aye  
Alderman Hamill – aye  
Alderman Diehl – aye  
Alderman Schrader – abstain – He explained that he abstained because of a conflict of interest, as his daughter works their currently.

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed 5 – 0, with one alderman who abstained.

## 10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

- a. RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO "BETTER TOGETHER"

Alderman Clement stated that this Resolution is co-introduced. Besides him, all the aldermen are united in this. He doesn't believe he has seen this since he has been on the Board of Aldermen, but this conveys the message that they are concerned about what the intent is for "Better Together". He said that "Better Together" will be allowed to continue to move forward on their study, but Manchester officials are concerned on where the effort is going. He said the Mayor is right along with all the members of the Board in supporting this Resolution.

Alderman Clement read a portion of the Resolution which he said is the foundational statement: "While the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Manchester will continue to work towards the betterment of the St. Louis region, they will oppose any efforts that would reduce the quality of, yet raise the costs of, services received by Manchester residents and business owners." He said that really is what the City stands for.

Alderman Clement read Proposed Resolution # 14-0488, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNIFICATION OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND THE ELIMINATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY", by title only.

Alderman Ottenad stated she doesn't want to make this more difficult for the residents to get problems solved. She really believes if the area goes all together, it would be endless, no one will know who to call to get problems solved.

Alderman Clement made the motion for approval of Resolution # 14-0488. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TRUCKS FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Alderman Schrader read Proposed Resolution # 14-0489, entitled: "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF DAVE SINCLAIR FORD, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$130,659.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2015 FORD F-450 MODEL TRUCKS WITH BODY ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER THEREFOR", by title only.

Alderman Ottenad stated she noticed that the City is going to attempt to sell both of the trucks, she wondered when these trucks are sold, where the money will go.

Director of Finance Dave Tuberty answered that it will go into the Capital Fund, since the trucks were bought out of the Capital Fund.

Alderman Schrader made the motion for approval of Resolution # 14-0489. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

c. **BILL APPOINTING A PROVISIONAL JUDGE**

Alderman Hamill introduced Bill #14-2189, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JOHN R. GUNN AS PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY FOR THAT POSITION AND, FURTHER, CONFIRMING THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THAT POSITION", by title only.

No further action at this time.

11. **MISCELLANEOUS**

a. **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Joe Smythe, 832 Sugarhill Drive, stated he is pleased by the vote of the members of the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor for the opposition to any form of consolidation of St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Bill Franklin, 909 Kammerly Terrace, stated he wanted to commend the officials for the stand on the opposition to "Better Together".

Ms. Jennifer Bird, 9244 Laurelhill Drive, Crestwood, MO 63126 said that it is important to keep in touch with the State Legislators, and she wants to make sure this issue is kept between St. Louis City and County residents, and that it does not become a statewide vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Clement made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk

*Note: This is a journal of the Board of Aldermen meeting held April 21, 2014 (summary); not a verbatim transcript. If a recording of the meeting is desired, please contact City Hall.*