



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 October 20, 2014 Public Hearing regarding a Proposed Amendment to the Floodplain Management Provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinances

Alderman Clement made the motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Public Hearing regarding a Proposed Amendment to the Floodplain Management Provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried unanimously, without objection.

- b. Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Willson stated that he would like to add 6 (b) under reports from the Mayor for a nomination to Manchester Arts.

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Order of Items on the Agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson reported that on October 21 he went to Charter Communications to record the Manchester Christmas video. He said that this year the topic chosen was to donate blood during the holiday season because there is a demand during that time. On the 22nd, there was a class from a local grade school at the Police Facility, they did a mock Board of Aldermen meeting; on the 23rd, he attended the St. Louis County Municipal League meeting where Steve Stenger was the guest and he took questions from the attendees. On October 24, Manchester held their Halloween event at the Park; and he also attended a “Trunk ‘r Treat” at St. Joseph’s School with Officer Banas that evening. He reported that on October 25, he attended a “Trunk ‘r Treat” with Officer Lebbling at Hanna Woods School. He said he also attended “Trunk ‘r Treats” on the 27th at St. John’s Church and Manchester United Methodist Church.

Mayor Willson stated there is so much going on with Ferguson that people forget some of the nice things the Police Officers do. On Halloween they were driving around giving out popcorn and visiting with residents.

Mayor Willson stated he attended the staff meeting on October 30, and on November 1, he, along with Officer Ebert and Officer Coyle, attended the graduation of the CERT group.

Mayor Willson reminded all to vote. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming events: Breakfast with Santa, Shop with a Cop, and the Holiday Luncheon for the senior citizens.

b. Nomination to Arts Council

Mayor Willson asked Alderman Clement to speak about Gary Hoeferkamp becoming a member of the Arts Council.

Alderman Clement stated that this particular seat has been vacant since the Arts Council was formed. He advised that Mr. Hoeferkamp is an active member of the Homecoming Committee, was active on the TIF Commission, is very active with STL250, and was instrumental in the nomination for the City to receive one of the STL250 cakes.

Alderman Clement made a motion for Gary Hoeferkamp to be a member of the Manchester Arts Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Hixson stated he attended the Manchester Halloween party and he wanted to say it was a great time and his family enjoyed it. He stated that he, along with Director of Finance Dave Tuberty, attended an investment conference put on by the State; he said there are some compliance issues that they have to do.

- a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of October 20 – October 31, 2014)

There were no questions.

- b. US District Court (Westboro Baptist Church) filed suit against St. Charles County

City Attorney Patrick Gunn stated that he wanted to advise the Board that a few months ago the United States District Court was involved in a matter concerning the Westboro Baptist Church. That organization has filed a separate lawsuit against St. Charles County because of their Ordinance which prohibits picketing; he mentioned that this Ordinance is not identical to Manchester's Ordinance. The Federal Court has dismissed the lawsuit and concluded that Westboro Baptist Church had no claim against the County, and Westboro has appealed that decision. In their appeal, they have even attempted to challenge the decision made in the City of Manchester's case.

City Attorney Gunn stated when the City of Manchester learned about this case, our special counsel, Armstrong Teasdale and Evan Reid were contacted. He said City staff was interested in the City participating in an Amicus Brief for the Appellate Court. He said the cost options of the process were explored, and Manchester's insurance company will fund all expenses of this brief which will be filed within the next 30 to 40 days.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet and there is no agenda for next week.

- b. Manchester Arts

Alderman Stevens stated that Manchester Arts is planning for the future; currently they are starting to look at adding more light boxes. The Community Band made their concert dates known.

Alderman Stevens stated Helen Hume is going to have her artwork on display at the Police Facility starting November 12 and it will go through the first of January.

9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

- a. **BILL # 14-2205 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S CODE**

Alderman Diehl read for the second time Bill # 14-2205, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 410 OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT", by title only.

Alderman Diehl made the motion that Bill # 14-2205 become Ordinance # 14-2091. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

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

Mayor Willson announced the Bill passed with a vote of 6 – 0.

b. BILL # 14-2206 - AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF JOHN MORGAN AVENUE

Aldermen Clement read for the second time Bill # 14-2206, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF JOHN MORGAN AVENUE TO SPC MATTHEW WALKER WAY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO CONFIRM WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THIS CHANGE”, by title only.

Alderman Hamill stated he wanted to make clear his opposition to this Bill. He said as the Board knows, he has sent out communications about this. It has absolutely nothing to do with the young man the Board wants to honor. His concern is that this is a request to honor someone who has no affiliation with the City of Manchester. His only affiliation is that his grandparents go to Church here.

Alderman Clement made the motion that Bill # 14-2206 become Ordinance # 14-2092. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad.

A poll of the Board showed:

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

Mayor Willson announced the Bill passed with a vote of 5 – 1.

Alderman Schrader stated in regard to this Bill, there is a member of the audience who is related to John Morgan. He asked City Administrator Hixson if it is possible once the street signs are updated that one of the existing street signs may be presented to them.

Alderman Ottenad stated there are two signs and St. Joseph’s Church is getting one of them.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

a. BILL RELEASING ESCROW FOR THE ARBORS AT HANNA

Alderman Hamill introduced Bill # 14-2207, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO RELEASE ALL FUNDS GUARANTEEING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY NOW KNOWN AS THE ARBORS AT HANNA, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE ARBORS AT HANNA, ALL AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO”, by title only.

No further action at this time.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Comments from the Public

Mayor Willson stated that Attorney John Gunn, who is Manchester’s Provisional Judge, was named one of the top attorneys in the *St. Louis Journal* that came out recently.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:24 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Hamill made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, MMC/MRCC-S
City Clerk

Note: This is a journal of the Board of Aldermen meeting held November 3, 2014 (summary); not a verbatim transcript. If a recording of the meeting is desired, please contact City Hall.