



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 January 20, 2014 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

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

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Willson announced that the presentation of the Proclamation to the City Administrator would be taken off this Agenda because Mr. Hixson is ill.

Alderman Clement made the motion that the Order of Items on the Agenda be approved, as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried unanimously, without objection.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. Reappointment of Jason Truesdell and Mark Smith as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement made the motion for the reappointment of Jason Truesdell and Mark Smith as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ottenad and carried unanimously, without objection.

b. Discussion in regard to the StL250 (St. Louis 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Cake

Alderman Clement stated the City will be getting a cake, but he is not sure when we are going to get it. He said there have been several artists who were painting cakes yesterday during the Super Bowl. Alderman Clement advised that City Administrator Hixson had received a contact a couple weeks back wondering if the City would be looking for an artist to decorate the cake. Alderman Clement stated that City Administrator Hixson came to him and it was decided to consult with Manchester Arts, and Manchester Arts decided that the Regional Arts Commission would need to assign someone to paint Manchester's cake.

Alderman Clement stated that the Regional Arts Commission was then asked if they could find out which artist might be available to paint the cake so we could give some information about our community, and Commissioner Dan Tierney advised that an artist had been located. He said they discussed the history and heritage and having the importance in a cake that would represent the City, so hopefully the cake will relate to Manchester. We have sent information about the Lyceum, the cave, the spring, and the fact that Manchester was founded/established in 1795, so the artist sent a quick sketch back. Alderman Clement said he believes the cake will be delivered in the next couple weeks.

c. Comments from the Public

Mr. Tony Pousosa, 9700 Antigo Drive, Green Park, Missouri, said he is an Alderman from Green Park and he is here to introduce himself as a candidate for County Executive.

Mr. Pousosa stated last week they had their "Better Together" meeting about City/County merger. He encouraged all to get involved and get educated on what this group is trying to do. He said municipal services are provided better than unincorporated St. Louis County can do. He believes this is a matter of "when", not "if".

Mr. Pousosa stated that representation from municipal government is Charlie Dooley and Mayor Slay, which is not representative for municipal government. He said he is encouraging everyone to get involved. He said Manchester talks about rich history, and although Green Park is one of the last municipalities to incorporate (in 1995), it is worth fighting for. He said he will be available after the meeting is adjourned to talk to anyone who is interested.

Alderman Ottenad asked about the population of Green Park.

Mr. Pousosa stated there are under 3,000 residents plus 300 businesses.

Mr. Robert Lopez, 1302 Mautenne, asked about the expansion of the Parks and Recreation building. He also wanted to say that he believes the City of Manchester has excellent snow removal.

Director of Parks and Recreation Eileen Collins answered the question, saying that there is recommended expansion of the current maintenance building, adding a multipurpose room and re-designing the current building layout, and expansion of the back building.

6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

a. Presentation of Proclamation to City Administrator Andy Hixson

Mayor Willson stated City Administrator Andy Hixson was honored by the West County Chamber of Commerce by being named the “Young Professional of the Year.” He said this was done at their awards and installation banquet.

b. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson reported on January 21, he, along with Chief Walsh and City Administrator Hixson went to Heritage School and they attended a program by AT&T called “It can wait”. He said the program dealt with texting and driving and reiterated that Manchester is in the forefront with the texting and driving Ordinance. They had a simulator set up involving texting while driving.

On January 23, Mayor Willson reported he attended the Senior Staff Meeting, and the Metro Mayors meeting where they discussed “Better Together”; the 28 cities represent 624,000 people. They are a formidable group, and they are establishing their mission. St. Charles and St. Peters also have joined the group. They are getting involved with “Better Together” and other things coming down the pike. Later that evening he went to the West County Chamber of Commerce awards dinner.

Mayor Willson reported that on January 29, he, along with Alderman Clement and the members of the Arts Council, attended the Barrett’s School presentation of “Snow White and the Seven Habits”. He added that they were also able to see a sneak peak of their cake. Mayor Willson reported that later that afternoon, he went to the “Better Together” presentation at the Lodge.

On January 30, Mayor Willson attended the senior staff meeting.

Mayor Willson reported that on January 31, he had an interview with NPR radio about texting and driving. He also threw in information about the City’s Pseudoephedrine Ordinance and Funeral Protest Ordinance.

Mayor Willson stated that Saturday he was invited back to Barrett’s School to see the students decorating the cake.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of January 20, 2014 – February 1, 2014)

There were no questions.

- b. The next Board of Aldermen meeting will be Tuesday, February 18 because of the holiday

Mayor Willson advised that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18.

## 8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission has not met, and there is no meeting planned for this month either.

- b. Historic Review Commission

Alderman Diehl advised that the Historic Review Commission did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

- c. Manchester Arts Council

Alderman Stevens advised that when Spring comes popping out, there will be art popping out in the community. There will be six traffic control boxes that will be painted. There will be a panel to choose the artists.

Alderman Stevens talked about the upcoming Second Annual Photography Show called “My Manchester” and they would be reaching out to the Historic Review Commission for pictures of heritage.

## 9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

- a. There were none.

## 10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PATROL CARS

Alderman Schrader read proposed Resolution # 14-0479, entitled: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF LOU FUSZ FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$105,372.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 2014 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY ALL WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER THEREFOR”, by title only.

Alderman Schrader made the motion for approval of Resolution # 14-0479. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hamill and carried unanimously, without objection.

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Comments from the Public

Ms. Jennifer Bird, 9204 Medallion, Crestwood, Missouri, stated she is a part of a group called “Common Sense for St. Louis.” She said they are opposing a City/County merger. She understands that “Better Together” is on a rollout already, and she understands they are doing a study. She asked: “Why merge, why now?” She would like people to keep in mind that there are a lot of things that we share already, museum taxes, metro transit, Metropolitan Sewer District, and it is important to be cautious in moving ahead.

Ms. Bird stated it would be nice if there were comments from the gallery rather than pre-submitted questions at “Better Together” meetings. She said she believes we should be cautious and she is not convinced that there is not a merger being planned.

Ms. Bird stated she has a document from “St. Louis World Class Cities”, which has joined forces with Politis, which is a Rex Sinquefield organization. She advised that Rex Sinquefield is the sole contributor from the Missouri Council for a Better Economy, which is the sole supporter of “Better Together”. She said the document gives the two scenarios for a complete merger. She is trying to help connect some dots and would be happy to give a presentation, if interested, on the behalf of “Common Sense for St. Louis”. Ms. Bird said she has another concern, and that is what she is hearing from “Better Together” stressing “duplicate services” which includes fire services and other entities.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk

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