

**Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014**

Mayor Blum called the Board of Alderman Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

City Clerk called the roll. Present were Mayor Blum, Administrator Childers, Alderman Tate, Alderman Fuchs, Alderman McGlenn, Alderman Richards, and Attorney Voss.

Mayor Blum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Blum asked for approval of the Council Report for March 14, 2014 thru April 3, 2014, the Board of Alderman Minutes dated March 17, 2014. Mayor Blum asked if everyone had a chance to review the Consent Agenda and if there were any questions, corrections or comments.

Alderman McGlenn made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, and Alderman Tate provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Business of the Month: Coleman Chiropractic. A representative from Coleman Chiropractic was not available to attend the meeting, award will be delivered.

Proclamation: Mayor's Proclamation for National Student Leadership Week: Mayor Blum read the proclamation. The proclamation was presented to student leaders of St. Clair High School by Mayor Blum.

Ordinance & Resolution Public Participation: Mayor Blum offered public participation for questions or comments on the Ordinances & Resolutions to be discussed. None were made.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

1. **Bill No. 2014-14** – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for tree and brush removal with Jay Rice Contracting in the amount of \$19,600.00. Administrator Childers explained this was the bid opening which was discussed at the last meeting. Alderman Fuchs introduced Bill No. 2014-14 for first and second reading by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No. 2014-14 twice by title only.

Alderman Tate made the motion to approve Bill No. 2014-14 as read, and Alderman Richards provided the second.

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	Aye	Alderman McGlenn	Aye
Alderman Fuchs	Aye	Alderman Richards	Aye

Bill 2014-14 becomes Ordinance 1761

2. **Bill No. 2014-15** – An ordinance updating Section 15-3 of the Code of Ordinances and increasing court cost by \$3.00, which is a fee for the Sheriff's Retirement Fund. Attorney Voss explained this law dates back to 1996 to collect \$3.00 for the Sheriff's Retirement Fund. Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA) indicated it was their opinion that the \$3.00 fee also applied to the Municipal Courts, not just State Courts. Attorney Voss stated there is a legal case challenging the issue and is pending but hasn't been ruled upon as of today. Attorney Voss explained our Judge; Judge Arand initially entered an order that said it was not to be collected. Attorney Voss continued by saying, Judge Arand has become concerned that after receiving OSCA's notice and if we do not collect this fee from the defendants and it is determined the courts do owe this fee; it wouldn't come out of the cities funds, but rather be paid by the defendants. We have begun collecting the \$3.00 this past court docket and Attorney Voss feels the city's ordinance should comply with the Judge's orders. Administrator Childers commented on average about 1,500 municipal tickets are written annually, and said should the board not approve the ordinance, it would be about \$4,500 per year that could be a risk.

Alderman McGlenn introduced Bill No. 2014-15 for first and second reading by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No. 2014-15 twice by title only.

Alderman Tate made the motion to approve Bill No. 2014-15 as read, and Alderman Fuchs provided the second.

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	Aye	Alderman McGlenn	Aye
Alderman Fuchs	Aye	Alderman Richards	Aye

Bill 2014-15 becomes Ordinance 1762

3. **Bill No. 2014-16** – An amending Chapter 24, Section 24-94 of the Code of Ordinance regarding connection to public sewers and the future maintenance of pumps to transport sewage. Administrator Childers explained this refers to the grinder pumps at individual residents. There a number of pumps that the city maintains and the fee that we are charging does not cover the actual cost of the maintenance of the pumps. The fee is less than 5.00 a month and this ordinance states we will continue to maintain those pumps until such time that the property changes owners and at which time we will stop providing the maintenance to the grinder pumps. The city maintains 34 pumps currently.

Alderman Tate introduced Bill No. 2014-16 for first and second reading by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No. 2014-16 twice by title only.

Alderman Fuchs made the motion to approve Bill No. 2014-16 as read, and Alderman McGlenn provided the second.

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	Aye	Alderman McGlenn	Aye
Alderman Fuchs	Aye	Alderman Richards	Aye

Bill 2014-16 becomes Ordinance 1763

Unfinished Business:

1. *Farmers Market* is interested in using the parking lot for their Saturday Markets. They have provided the Limited Liability Coverage and filled out the proper documentation for rental of a key and completed the Hold Harmless Agreement.
Alderman Fuchs made the motion to allow the Farmers Market to use the north parking lot on Saturday mornings and Alderman McGlenn provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

1. Mayor Blum said he has had some requests to bring up the idea of non-smoking in the City of St. Clair. No discussion or decisions are needed tonight, he was being asked to bring this subject up to the board and that is what he is doing. Alderman Tate commented he too has been approached by individuals and business owners and would like to discuss the topic after the election results are certified.
2. Mayor Blum reminded everyone April 21st – 25th is the cleanup week with the dumpsters at the Maintenance Shed and would like to propose in conjunction with this to use that week for “Community Pride” and ask individuals and organizations if they would contribute an hour or two of their time to walk the street or parks and just pick up trash as a Community Pride Effort. Mayor Blum commented when people are looking to move here, first impressions are very important and he feels it is important for us as a community to show that we have pride by cleaning up our community. Mayor Blum explained we would purchase specially colored trash bags to be passed out to individuals or businesses and can either be taken to the maintenance dumpster or they could set curbside and the city crews can pick them up that week. Mayor Blum asks the Board to contact organizations, Rotary, Elks, Lions, and Churches and ask them to participate along with residents in a Community Wide Cleanup Effort that week.

City Attorney: Nothing at this time.

Departmental Reports:

1. City Administrator:
 - a. At your places is the spring newsletter, noting the April 21 – 26 trash pickup, and spotlighting Senior Leadsperson Art Orrell. Please convey your appreciation to Art for his many years of service to the citizens of St. Clair.
 - b. Also at your places is a proposed Disaster Response Succession List. This is one of many pieces we need to develop and adopt to be better prepared in the event of any type of disaster. An approved motion is required to adopt the list.
Alderman Fuchs made the motion to adopt the Succession List as presented, and Alderman Tate provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - c. Please notice the new clock in the chambers. This was made and donated by Mr. Richard Williams, using a City logo decal we provided. We’re very pleased with Mr. Williams’s clock, and ask that anyone seeing him thank him for his support of the City of St. Clair.

- d. Public Works Director: Jason Ivie – report provided. Alderman Tate asked about the Public Meeting scheduled for Thursday and Mayor Blum explained it is a Public Meeting for S. Main and that anyone can come, but it is directed mainly at the residences that live there that will be affected by the construction process. Public Works Director Ivie reported Visu-sewer will be here this week to camera sewer lines under Main Street and Virginia Mines to have be able to use that information to do spot repairs or lining before the Main Street Project comes through. Mr. Ivie also announced that Fab Tech will also be on sight either tomorrow or Wednesday to start work on the second clarifier at the Treatment Plant. Mayor Blum commented that during today's Department Head Meeting there was a discussion concerning the streets that we are looking to either chip & seal, overlay, or nova seal and Mr. Ivie is narrowing that list down on the streets we would like to complete this year.
- e. Police Department: Chief Hammack – Chief Hammack wanted to notify the Board a Police Officer, Dallas Virkler submitted his resignation and his last day will be tomorrow night. Chief Hammack asked for approval to search to fill that position and stated that Mr. Virkler was employed with the City for four years.
- f. Court Clerk: Cindy Schmitt – Out on administrative leave. Administrator Childers referred to the Court Report and commented another \$15,000 has been collected and feels the enforcement efforts are paying off.
- g. Planning and Zoning: Myrna Turner – absent
- h. Parks: Linda Luetje-Nelson – absent

Other Business: none

Mayor and Board Member: none

Public Participation:

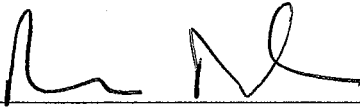
1. Mr. Chase Cohen, 2045 Meramec View Estates, St. Clair, MO., the incoming Student Council President, said he is extremely grateful to be able to come and see how a formal meeting works and hopes to work hand and hand with the Council and try to help STUCO spread its wings and try to do more around the community. The Mayor and board members thanked him for coming.
2. Laura Bardot, 3395 Project Rd, Lonedell, MO., the current Student Council President wanted to thank the Board of Alderman, City Attorney, Administrator, and the Mayor for their leadership in St. Clair because it is National Leadership Week and they are celebrating throughout the school by having spirit days and different activities and events for the teachers and students and thanked them once again for being the leaders of St. Clair.
3. Lynn Weigle, 3080 Westwoods, St. Clair, MO., the Secretary/Treasurer of the Farmers Market, wanted to say thank you for the permission to use the lot and invited them to come out and shop and asked if there are any problems or concerns to please contact them.
4. Mr. Gilbert Hoffman, Greater St. Clair Homes, St. Clair, MO. Mr. Hoffman wanted to mention that over the past several years that comments have been made that none of the pilots who have planes at the airport weren't city residents. Mr. Hoffman said back when the airport housed 35-40 aircraft at the airport, there were two people that lived in St. Clair city limits.

5. Alderman Richards thanked the Mayor and the Board for giving him this opportunity to fill the Alderman seat and that he has really enjoyed it and thinks the board is doing a great job. Mayor Blum thanked him for his complement and thanked him for serving on the Board.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2014
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

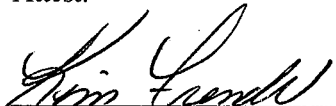
Adjournment: Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.
Alderman Tate made the motion to adjourn, and Alderman McGlenn provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.



Ron Blum, Mayor

Date Approved: 4-21-14

Attest:



Kim French, City Clerk