

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, AUGUST 23, 2004**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on August 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Schaefer presiding, Dick Gass, Stan Barker, Ron Huff, David Edie, and Jack Purvis present. Beverly Martin absent.

Also present from the City were: City Administrator Terry Dody, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, City Clerk Sandra Williams, Assistant City Administrator Frank Schoneboom, Director of Engineering David Miller, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Fire Chief Carl Sparks, Director of Economic Development Mike Rankin, Director of Communications Jerry Adams, Finance Director Deanna Schlegel, Director of Planning and Zoning Don Stephens, Parks Director Cindy Shook, Police Chief Steve Mefford, and Director of Health Linn Smith.

Mayor Schaefer called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Larry VanGilder gave the invocation.

Mayor Schaefer asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Public Meeting on Traffic Study of July 26, 2004 and the Board of Aldermen meeting and public comments meeting of August 9, 2004. Receiving none, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Alderman Gass moved to approve the Minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
MINUTES**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Schaefer then asked City Clerk Williams to read the items being considered on the Consent Agenda. City Clerk Williams read the following Consent Agenda items by title:

Final reading of Bill No. 2894 an ordinance approving zoning of "C" Commercial for property owned by Dennis and Anita Sheaffer and located at 148 Cypria Lane, Branson, Missouri was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-109 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2894  
ZONING  
"C" COMMERCIAL  
DENNIS R. AND  
ANITA L. SHEAFFER  
ORD. NO. 2004-109**

Final reading of Bill No. 2895 an ordinance approving a contract with the City of Hollister, Missouri for environmental

**BILL NO. 2895  
CONTRACT**

public health services within the City of Hollister was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-110 was duly enacted.

CITY OF HOLLISTER  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
ORD. NO. 2004-110

Final reading of Bill No. 2896 an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award from Berberich Trahan & Co., P.A. for auditing services for the City of Branson, authorizing the preparation of a contract in accordance with the terms of the proposal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-111 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2896  
BID AWARD  
AUDITING SERVICES  
BERBERICH,  
TRAHAN & CO.  
ORD. NO. 2004-111

Final reading of Bill No. 2897 an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award between Leo Journagan Construction Company, Inc. and the City of Branson, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement pertaining to the Copeland Branch Sewer Project was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-112 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2897  
BID AWARD  
COPELAND BRANCH  
SEWER PROJECT  
LEO JOURNAGAN  
ORD. NO. 2004-112

Mayor Schaefer asked for any corrections on the Consent Agenda as read. Receiving none, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

#### REGULAR AGENDA:

Final Reading of Bill No. 2875, an ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of Branson, Missouri, approving, designating, and implementing Redevelopment Project I of the Branson Hills Tax Increment Financing Plan as a Redevelopment Project and adopting tax increment financing for the area described in the Branson Hills Tax Increment Financing Plan as Redevelopment Project Area I; authorizing certain actions by city officials; and containing a severability clause, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Alderman Gass moved to postpone the Final Reading of Bill No. 2875 not to exceed the September 13, 2004 meeting, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye on the postponement were: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. The final reading of Bill No. 2875 was postponed until September 13, 2004.

BILL NO. 2875  
BRANSON HILLS  
TIF PROJECT I  
POSTPONED

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2898 an ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Branson, Missouri, for the fiscal year October 1, 2004, through

BILL NO. 2898  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ADOPTING BUDGET

September 30, 2005, and providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget was read by title by City

OCT. 1, 2004 THRU  
SEPT. 30, 2005

Clerk Williams, and Terry Dody provided the staff report. Mr. Dody indicated the budget was being presented on a Program basis and is a planning tool as well as a spending control document. The proposed bill adopts the 2005 Operating and Capital budgets and appropriates the amounts for the purpose as set forth therein. Capital expenditures were presented along with major revenue sources, operating expenditures, and the Tourism Tax Trust Fund for a total budget of \$41,187,313. At this time Mayor Schaefer left the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened the Public Hearing and after no discussion by anyone in the audience or members of the Board, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Huff then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2898. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2899 an ordinance approving zoning of "R-1" Single-Family Residential for property owned by Timothy and Janet Swope, located at 214 Shady Drive, Branson, Taney County, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened the Public Hearing and after no discussion, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Huff then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2899. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 2899  
ZONING  
"R-1" SINGLE-FAMILY  
TIMOTHY & JANET  
SWOPE

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2900 an ordinance approving zoning of "R-1" Single-Family Residential for properties in the Roark Hills Subdivision, Phase I, Branson, Taney County, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened the Public Hearing and after no discussion, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Huff then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2900. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 2900  
ZONING  
"R-1" SINGLE-FAMILY  
ROARK HILLS  
SUBDIVISION

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2901 an ordinance amending the Land Use Regulations for Planned Development PD-99-007, known as French Quarter, Branson, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Williams and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff opened the Public Hearing and took public comments. Eric Walker of Native signs addressed the Board requesting a double reading of the Bill as it was a minor change in classification of signage, and indicated they had not realized that just moving the signs that had previous been approved would require this procedure and therefore they were behind in the

BILL NO. 2901  
AMENDING LAND USE  
REGULATIONS  
FRENCH QUARTER  
ORD. NO. 2004-115

completion of the project. City Administrator Dody informed the Board that a unanimous second reading was not possible as there was one Board member absent. Planning/Development Director Don Stephens informed the Board there was another classification that would allow the second reading. At this time, Alderman Barker moved to recess the meeting for two minutes in order for the City Attorney to review the City Code requirements, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Meeting was recessed at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Huff reconvened the meeting, stating that for the record Mayor Schaefer has rejoined the meeting, however Mayor Pro Tem Huff would complete this item before Mayor Schaefer resumed chairmanship. City Attorney Dan Wichmer informed the Board that under Section 100.040 of the Branson Municipal Code, if it is a zoning ordinance, you may have two readings in a single meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Huff then asked for any additional comments regarding this item. Receiving none, he closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2901. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Gass. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the bill a second time as a zoning issue, motion was seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2901 by title again. Mayor Pro Tem Huff entertained a motion to approve the final reading of Bill No. 2901. Alderman Edie made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-115 was duly enacted.

Mayor Schaefer resumed chairmanship of the meeting at this time.

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2902 an ordinance amending the Floodplain Management Ordinance, to revise the referenced Flood Study Data to be the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Flood Study was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report.

**BILL NO. 2902  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AMENDING  
FLOODPLAIN  
MGMT. ORD.**

Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after some discussion by Rick Harrison regarding the effect on his property, and additional discussion by members of the Board regarding the portion that would change five feet, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2902. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

First Reading of Bill No. 2903, an ordinance vacating that portion of Cahill Drive, which was proposed for relocation, located in the Streamside Crossings Subdivision, Branson, Taney County, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk

**BILL NO. 2903  
VACATING  
CAHILL DRIVE**

Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report. Alderman Edie was excused due to a conflict, and left the meeting. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2903. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, and Purvis. Nays: none. Abstain: Edie.

Absent: Martin. Motion carried.

First reading of Bill No. 2904 an ordinance amending the Branson Municipal Code, Chapter 415: *Off-Street Parking Regulations*, Section 415.010: *Parking Spaces*, by clarifying where off-street parking areas can be located was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Alderman Edie returned to the meeting at this time.

BILL NO. 2904  
AMENDING  
BRANSON  
MUNICIPAL CODE  
OFF-STREET

Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2904. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Alderman Edie moved to amend the language to read "not separated by a public or private street or roadway", seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye were: Gass Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Martin. Motion carried. Mayor Schaefer then called for a vote on the first reading of Bill No. 2904 as amended. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-116 was duly enacted.

First Reading of Bill No. 2905, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. pertaining to the Branson Landing Sewer Realignment Project, was read by title by City Clerk Williams,

BILL NO. 2905  
AMENDMENT  
AGREEMENT  
BURNS & McDONNELL

and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2905. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

First Reading of Bill No. 2906, an ordinance approving an Easement for Right-Of-Way Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute said easement for Right-Of-Way Agreement with Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the Roark Creek Bridge Project was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor

BILL NO. 2906  
RIGHT-OF-WAY  
AGREEMENT  
EMPIRE ELECTRIC  
ORD. NO. 2004-113

Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2906. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read Bill No. 2906 a second time by emergency to avoid cost increases on the bridge project, reduce costs for road repairs and minimize traffic impacts, motion was seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2906 by title again. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the final reading of Bill No. 2906. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-113 was duly enacted.

First Reading of Bill No. 2907, an ordinance approving a

BILL NO. 2907

Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to execute said Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the Roark Creek Bridge Project was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2907. Alderman Barker moved to approve on the first reading, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Alderman Gass moved to read Bill No. 2907 a second time by emergency to avoid cost increases on the bridge project, reduce costs for road repairs and minimize traffic impacts, motion was seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2907 by title again. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the final reading of Bill No. 2907. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2004-114 was duly enacted.

**TEMPORARY  
CONSTRUCTION  
EASEMENT  
AGREEMENT  
EMPIRE ELECTRIC  
ORD. NO. 2004-114**

First reading of Bill No. 2908, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Branson Arts Council was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and also provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2908. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2908  
AGREEMENT  
BRANSON ARTS  
COUNCIL**

First reading of Bill No. 2909, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Christian Action Ministry (CAM) was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and also provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2909. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2909  
AGREEMENT  
CHRISTIAN ACTION  
MINISTRY (CAM)**

First reading of Bill No. 2910, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and The Salvation Army was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and also provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2910. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2910  
AGREEMENT  
THE SALVATION  
ARMY**

First Reading of Bill No. 2911, an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award from Service Recycling for a contract for transport and marketing of recyclable materials for the

**BILL NO. 2911  
BID AWARD  
SERVICE RECYCLING**

Recycle Center for the City of Branson, authorizing the preparation of a contract in accordance with the terms of the proposal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement, was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Larry VanGilder provided the staff report, and also stated he would like to acknowledge the Environmental Specialist, Debbie Redford, who has worked very hard on this project and appreciated her service. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2911. Alderman Barker moved to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Purvis. After the Board complimented Debbie Redford on a great job she has done on this project, Mayor Schaefer called for a vote on the first reading of the bill. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**TRANSPORT &  
MARKETING  
RECYCLABLE  
MATERIALS**

A resolution approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Turtle Crossing, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2004-R024 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
PRELIMINARY  
SUBDIVISION PLAT  
TURTLE CROSSING  
NO. 2004-R024**

A resolution acknowledging Reimbursement No. 34C, 34R, and 35C to HCW for expenses incurred on the Branson Landing Project pursuant to the Technical Services Contract, was read by title by Clerk Williams, and Frank Schoneboom provided the staff report indicating the reimbursement amounts to HCW are \$135,476.39 for Reimbursement No. 34C; \$2,722.48 for Reimbursement No. 34R; and \$144,557.91 for Reimbursement No. 35C. Alderman Huff stated he would like to point out that not only have the Council reviewed these, but they have also been reviewed by our Construction Consultant, Benham Company and have been determined that they are actual costs and should be paid. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2004-R025 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
REIMBURSEMENT  
TO HCW  
NO. 2004-R025**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Mayor Schaefer stated the next item was review of the disbursements, and asked if there were any questions regarding the disbursements. Receiving none, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Alderman Huff made a motion to approve the disbursement statement as presented, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Schaefer asked if there was any other business that a member of the Board of Aldermen would like to introduce as an official agenda item for discussion and action by the Board. Hearing none, Mayor Schaefer addressed the next item on the agenda.

## **ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

Alderman Gass said it was nice to see new development coming in to Branson. **GASS**

Alderman Barker stated that Debbie Redford does do an excellent job but he try's not to single out any specific employee because he thinks all of the employees do an excellent job. As a City we really try to empower our employees to be free thinkers; to show initiative; and not to micro-manage them. It is a real compliment to all of the employees and to Terry, Larry, and all of the staff that encourages the employees to go out and research and bring new ideas to us. Mr. Barker said he felt that was one of the things that make this a great City that we empower them to go out and show initiative and to try and do good things. **BARKER**

Alderman Huff said he thought it was alright every now and then to single out an employee for the great work they do. Sometimes we take for granted all of the good things some of them do, like Debbie Redford and her work with recycling and water quality, and keeping our City beautiful and litter free. Also the great work the Health Department is doing to educate our citizens about the viruses. We are starting to get a lot of national and regional attention for all of that good work. The effort that has been put into this sure makes for a better quality of life for all of us, indicated Mr. Huff. **HUFF**

Alderman Huff asked for an update on the animal shelter Administrator Dody gave a brief update on the Taney County Animal Shelter. He stated that currently the City has started taking animals back to the Shelter. City staff is working closely with the County Commission and Dr. Reynolds, the veterinarian for the County, whose name is on the license at the facility, and acts as the official vet for the facility. Again, this is not the City's facility, we simply have a contract with them to take our animals out there and then we transport per the contract. **HUFF**

Alderman Huff congratulated Carol McCullough and Steve Mefford for their great work on controlling the "Cruisin' Branson" event this past weekend. It went much smoother than it has in the past and there was a huge amount of people in town. Mr. Huff said he knew it took a lot of effort from a lot of people and the Board really appreciated the work that went into it, and the help Branson received from **HUFF**

the Springfield Police Department, State Highway Patrol, Taney County Sheriff's Office, and Hollister along with any other agencies. It is a great event and it went much better this year, indicated Mr. Huff.

Alderman Huff said he had read in the paper that APAC, the company HUFF company that was awarded the contract for the construction of the road project in Hollister has been indicted, and asked if the City of Branson had any contracts with them that might affect our scheduling or anything. Administrator Dody stated, the City has no contracts with that company.

Alderman Edie said he would just like to echo a couple of the other EDIE Board members comments on the Recycle Center. He said he had been using the Recycle Center ever since it started and every year it seems to be able give better service. They are very quick, and he doesn't know who is responsible for all of the volunteers, but it is a fine facility, and he would just like to remind people that in a lot of towns, these facilities start and fail. Ours is a very excellent facility and it helps the community and from what he sees it is going towards paying at least part of the operation. He also encouraged everyone to use the facility as much as they could.

Alderman Purvis said he would like to reaffirm what the other Board PURVIS members have said. He indicated he was privileged to witness personally the outstanding job the emergency service people such as the Police Department, Ambulance District, and Fire Department, and wanted to say in the strongest words possible "they did an outstanding job", and he is really proud of all of our emergency services people for they go far beyond and above.

Alderman Purvis said he too wanted to thank the Springfield Police PURVIS Department, Hollister Police, Highway Patrol, and the Taney County Sheriff's Office for participating and helping with the crowd control during the "Cruisin' Branson" event. It was an exciting evening and he thought things went extremely well, indicated Mr. Purvis.

Administrator Dody said that on that note, he would like to inform the DODY Board that Caroll McCullough was the one that came up with a strategic tactical zone plan to change how it has been handled in the past, which turned out to be extremely successful. His control over the situation was outstanding and his implementation of his tactic zone made a huge difference, along with additional personnel he was able to achieve better crowd control this year. Mr. Dody then asked Caroll to provide a short update on the event. Assistant Police Chief Caroll McCullough reported on "Cruisin' Branson" and the zone tactics that were used. Mr. McCullough indicated this year the Police Department had some excellent backup and he was pleased to say that it went much better than it has in the past, although they experienced the same problems with careless and reckless driving, people drinking and intoxicated spectators. He indicated he was happy to be able to say that he believed it was the direct result of the resources on hand that it went so well. The extra officers from Taney County Sheriff's Office, the fifteen officers from the Springfield Police Department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol made a difference. In order to

get them back we will probably have to bear some of the cost for their officers but it is money well spent, stated Mr. McCullough. The Highway Patrol has already committed to assist next year because it went so well this year. Staff is also working on getting it moved to another weekend so that it is not being held during the State Fair in Sedalia. That will enable the Highway Patrol to provide additional assistance, he informed the Board. He ended by saying he was very pleased that it went much better than in the past.

**ADJOURN:**

At this time, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Huff made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: None. Martin absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, AUGUST 23, 2004**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in the Public Comments session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on August 23, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Schaefer presiding, with Dick Gass, Stan Barker, Ron Huff, David Edie, and Jack Purvis present. Beverly Martin absent.

Also in attendance from the City were: Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant Administrator Frank Schoneboom, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, City Clerk Sandra Williams.

Mayor Schaefer called the Public Comments meeting to order and stated the Board would hear citizens that signed up to speak in the order of the first person signing the sheet, and there were no persons signed up to address the Board.

Mayor Schaefer then stated, that concluded the Public Comments section and entertained a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Alderman Huff moved to go into closed Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021.1 RSMo for litigation, 610.021.2 for real estate, and 610.021.3 for personnel. The motion was seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Purvis moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.