

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 9, 2002**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on December 9, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Schaefer presiding, Dick Gass, Stan Barker, Larry Taylor, Ron Huff, Eric Farris, and Bob Warlick present.

Also in attendance were: City Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Faught, City Attorney Deborah Deuster, City Clerk Sandra Williams, Police Chief Steve Mefford, City Engineer David Miller, Communications Director Jerry Adams, Director of Planning Don Stephens, Director of Finance Deanna Schlegel, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Director of Economic Development Mike Rankin, Charlie Huston, David Rockhill, Ricky Renfro, Bruce W. Bowlin of Branson Daily Independent, Cliff Sain of the Branson Daily News, Susan Perkin, Gayla Roten, Ray Wilson, Gary Groman, Phillip Lamborn, Bill Hagler, Tami Holliday, Ryggie Bumgarner, Rodney Gray, Larry Milton, Jim Brines, Will Barnes, Jim Thompson, Mike Maxwell, Dan Story, David Queen, Rick Graff, and Rick Huffman.

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 informational meeting of October 11, 2002, the special meeting of October 31, 2002, the regular meeting of November 25, 2002, and the special meeting of December 3, 2002. Alderman Huff moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2002 public informational meeting, the October 31, 2002 special meeting, the November 25, 2002 regular meeting, and the December 3, 2002 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Farris. Alderman Gass abstained on the public informational meeting of October 11, 2002 as he was not present. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES**

Alderman Warlick moved to remove Item #25 from the Regular Agenda because an Executive Session was not required. Motion was seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Receipt of the minutes of the Advisory Council on Disabilities Meeting of September 17, 2002, and the Advisory Council on Disabilities Meeting of October 15, 2002 was acknowledged within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT OF  
MINUTES**

Final reading of Bill No. 2480, an ordinance repealing Section 130.070 of the Branson Municipal Code relating to the Scout Center, approving a lease agreement between the City of Branson and the Branson Area Scouts for the premises located at 112 W. College Street, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-151 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2480  
REPEALING  
BRANSON MUNICIPAL  
CODE, SECT. 130.070  
LEASE AGREEMENT  
SCOUT CENTER  
ORD. NO. 2002-151**

Final reading of Bill No. 2482, an ordinance establishing the procedures for the April 8, 2003, election and providing for the determination of a tie vote was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-152 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2482  
ESTABLISHING  
PROCEDURES  
APRIL 8, 2003  
ELECTION  
ORD. NO. 2002-152**

Mayor Schaefer asked for any corrections on the Consent Agenda as presented. Receiving none, Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Alderman Gass moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

First reading of Substitute Bill No. 2481 an ordinance authorizing the leasing of certain property and improvements of the City; authorizing the City to obtain a loan from the Missouri Development Finance Board for the purpose of refinancing the following: the Board's Infrastructure Facilities Bond Anticipation Notes Series 2002A and 2002B, the Public Building Corporation of the City of Branson, Missouri's Leasehold Revenue Bonds, Series 1995(City Hall and Fire Station Improvement Projects), the City's Tax Increment Allocation Bonds Series 1996 (Street Improvement Project) and Tax Increment Allocation Refunding Bonds Series 1997 (Street and Sewer Improvement Project); authorizing the formation of a Final Terms Committee; amending the Operating Budget of the Debt Service Fund of the City and authorizing the execution of certain documents in connection therewith, was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and

**SUBSTITUTE  
BILL NO. 2481  
MISSOURI  
DEVELOPMENT  
FINANCE  
BOARD  
ORD. NO. 2002-153**

Deanna Schlegel provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Substitute Bill No. 2481. Alderman Warlick made the motion, seconded by Alderman Huff. Larry Milton addressed the Board regarding, the land acquisition cost and how it would be paid for and also referred to the Branson City Lights regarding a statement made of “No increase or new taxes to the Branson Landing project”. Finance Director Deanna Schlegel and Administrator Terry Dody gave the response. Ray Wilson, 176 Eagle Point Drive, was the next citizen addressing the Board. Mr. Wilson discussed whether both readings of this bill was being done in one meeting and also inquired if the City could now go to the Department of Economic Development and do more bond anticipation notes? Administrator Dody gave the response. At this time, Alderman Taylor asked David Queen to comment on the advantages of doing the refinancing. Mr. Queen replied, “The primary reason we are moving forward in this refinancing of the bond anticipation notes relates to the fact that those notes come due in March of 2003. There happens to be favorable interest rates now, and as we know you are going to have to finance them on a long term basis. The financial advisors at Solomon, Smith and Barney recommended that we take advantage of this historically low interest rates. We have made provisions in the tax increment plan to fully recover both the cost of refinancing these notes, as well as, the interest we are going to pay. It was the prudent financial thing to do. To finance the land at an attractive interest rate, and by adding in the other Bond issues not only do you realize savings associated with the lower interest rates, but you also gain an advantage under the Tax Code to capture a larger payment for the usage of that land when you make it available to a private developer. We can capture larger payments by structuring it this way for the fundamental reason of lower interest rates.” Upon hearing no further discussion, Mayor Schaefer called for a vote on the first reading of Substitute Bill No. 2481. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Farris. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Substitute Bill No. 2481 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Substitute Bill No. 2481. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. Some additional discussion was heard. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-153 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2486, an ordinance approving a professional services agreement between Economic Research Associates and the City of Branson, for an examination level feasibility study for the Branson Landing Convention Center, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement, was read by title by City Clerk

BILL NO. 2486  
AGREEMENT  
ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
ASSOCIATES  
ORD. NO. 2002-154

Williams, and Terry Dody provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2486. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. Alderman Huff inquired as to how this study ties in with the CS&L Study. Jeff Collins of Economics Research Associates replied, "It is basically a reassuring of a third party of acceptance of the managers projections. It's very similar yet it is very different in a way. It is set up with our assurance and Solomon, Smith, and Barney for the language for the study and for the bond issued. CS&L does not issue their reports in these types of studies. We go into more detail, typically we go into it on much deeper level on the financing mechanism portion. We will verify all of their findings in terms of all revenues and expenses, as well as, do our own checks. Crossing the "T's" and dotting the "I's" as well." Alderman Huff then asked, "Can you tell us about your experience as far as Convention Centers projects?" Mr. Collins answered, "We have probably done over a couple of hundred Convention Centers over the last 15 years and probably nearly a 1,000 typical public assembly facilities, sport's convention centers, libraries, etc., and we have done them with Solomon, Smith and Barney and several of the other big institutions throughout the world". Mayor Schaefer then called for the vote on Bill No. 2486. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Huff moved to read the bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Warlick. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2486 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2486. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-154 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2487, an ordinance approving a Technical Services Agreement between HCW Development Company, LLC, and the City of Branson relating to the Branson Landing Project, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement, was read by title by City Clerk

**BILL NO. 2487  
AGREEMENT  
HCW DEVELOPMENT  
COMPANY**

Williams, and Terry Dody provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2487. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Warlick. Ray Wilson, 176 Eagle Point Drive addressed the Board stating, "My thought on this would be not to exercise this agreement until we get the feasibility studies. It is my understanding a feasibility study is in the making by two separate organizations and here we are going ahead with \$500,000 dollars from the City before we even see those feasibility studies." Mr. Wilson then had several questions pertaining to the agreement. Responding to his questions were Administrator Dody, Mayor Schaefer, David Queen and Alderman Taylor. Questions were then asked by Larry Milton, 101 Vixen Drive, with David Queen, Administrator Dody and several Aldermen provided the replies. Helen Maxwell also addressed the Board pertaining to the Branson Landing project. Mayor Schaefer then called for a vote. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First reading of Bill No. 2488, an ordinance appointing members to fill certain vacancies on the Tax Increment Financing Commission, was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Deborah Deuster provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2488. Alderman Warlick made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Farris moved to read the bill a second time by emergency due to time constraints, seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2488 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2488. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-155 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2488  
APPOINTMENT  
TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCING  
COMMISSION  
ORD. NO. 2002-155**

Petition for Consent to Annex property owned by G. L. Investments, Inc., Branson, Missouri, was read by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to accept the petition for voluntary annexation. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Taylor. Voting aye: Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**PETITION  
CONSENT  
TO ANNEX  
G. L. INVESTMENTS, INC.**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2489, an ordinance annexing property owned by Muza Florine Weisz into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2489. Alderman Warlick made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2489  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
MUZA FLORINE  
WEISZ**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2490, an ordinance annexing property owned by Vernon and Connie Cooper into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2490. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2490  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
VERNON & CONNIE  
COOPER**

**Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2491, an ordinance annexing property owned by Alan A. and Illa D. Kamp into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2491. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Gass. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**BILL NO. 2491  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
ALAN A. & ILLA D.  
KAMP**

**Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2492, an ordinance annexing property owned by Affiliated Investors, Inc. into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2492. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Huff. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**BILL NO. 2492  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
AFFILIATED  
INVESTORS, INC.**

**Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2493, an ordinance annexing property owned by James R. Haught into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2493. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Gass. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**BILL NO. 2493  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
JAMES R. HAUGHT**

**Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2494, an ordinance annexing property owned by Jay and Kate P. Orr into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2494. Alderman Warlick made the motion, seconded by Alderman Gass. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**BILL NO. 2494  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
JAY & KATE P.  
ORR**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2495, an ordinance annexing property owned by William R. and Jennifer A. Surles into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2495. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Taylor. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2495  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
WILLIAM R. & JENNIFER A.  
SURLES**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2496, an ordinance annexing property owned by Joseph and Mary Dwyer into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2496. Alderman Warlick made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2496  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
JOSEPH & MARY  
DWYER**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2497, an ordinance annexing property owned by James O. Doyle, Trustee into the City, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after receiving no comments or discussion from the Board or audience, closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2497. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Warlick. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2497  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ANNEXATION  
JAMES O. DOYLE  
TRUSTEE**

First reading of Bill No. 2498, an ordinance approving Change Order Number Two to the agreement between Gerkin and the City of Branson, for asbestos removal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Change Order, was read by title by City Clerk, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2498. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Warlick. After some discussion, Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Gass moved to read the bill a second time by emergency due to time constraints, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays:

**BILL NO. 2498  
APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDER #2  
GERKIN  
ORD. NO. 2002-156**

none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2498 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2498. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Taylor. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-156 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2499, an ordinance approving Change Order Number Five to the agreement between Terracon and the City of Branson, for site assessment and asbestos removal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Change Order, was read by title

**BILL NO. 2499  
APPROVING  
CHANGE ORDER #5  
TERRACON  
ORD. NO. 2002-157**

by City Clerk, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2499. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the bill a second time by emergency due to time constraints, seconded by Alderman Warlick. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2499 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2499. Alderman Farris made the motion, seconded by Alderman Warlick. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-157 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2500, an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award to Tri-Lakes Motors, Friendly Ford, and Thompson Pontiac GMC for the purchase of nine vehicles for the City of Branson, authorizing the preparation of contracts in accordance with the terms of the proposal, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreements, was read by title by City Clerk,

**BILL NO. 2500  
BID AWARD  
TRI-LAKES MOTORS  
FRIENDLY FORD  
THOMPSON PONTIAC GMC  
ORD. NO. 2002-158**

and David Rockhill provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2500. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Farris. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2500 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2500. Alderman Taylor made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-158 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2501, an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award to Jon's Mid-America Fire Apparatus for the purchase of a pumper fire Apparatus for the City of Branson, authorizing

**BILL NO. 2501  
BID AWARD  
JON'S MID-AMERICA  
FIRE APPARATUS**

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, and Ted Martin provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2501. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Farris. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Huff moved to read the bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Warlick. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2501 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2501. Alderman Farris made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2002-159 was duly enacted.

**ORD. NO. 2002-159**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the disbursement statement as presented. Alderman Gass moved to approve the disbursements, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, and Farris. Nays: none. Alderman Warlick abstained. Motion carried.

**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.

Alderman Gass made the motion to cancel the Council meeting of December 23, 2002 and have the next regular Council meeting on January 13, 2003. Alderman Barker made the second. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schaefer then opened the floor for Aldermen and Administrator's Reports.

**ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

Alderman Gass indicated as there would not be another meeting before Christmas he would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

**GASS**

Alderman Barker stated he would like to take this opportunity to recognize somebody that has been a long time employee of the City

**BARKER**

and that was Jay E. Wright. He was a police officer for the City of Branson and he passed away Saturday. “Mr. Wright was well known to a lot of us that grew up here and if you ran a stop sign or whatever the case may be when he stopped you; you probably didn’t get a ticket, what you probably got was a lesson. Jay was a great individual though most of us kids should have been knocked in the head and thrown into Taneycomo. He chose the other route and that was to give us a good talking to and help us out a little bit. A fine gentleman, and he is surely going to be missed,” stated Alderman Barker.

Alderman Barker stated “I appreciate the employees and staff at the City, and the job you do for everyone all year long. You make me as a Council person very proud in the way you conduct your business on a daily basis.” He thanked everyone and hoped they had a safe holiday and enjoyed the Christmas time. **BARKER**

Alderman Taylor stated, “I certainly wish a safe and happy holiday wishes to all. To our staff and departments and all the employees of the City. You do a fine job.” **TAYLOR**

Alderman Huff echoed those sentiments and also added that he appreciated the citizens of this community that take the time out of their busy schedule to come to the meetings and give the Council input. **HUFF**

Alderman Farris commended and thanked the city employees for how they handled traffic during the holiday weekend and the clearing of the snow and ice from the streets. **FARRIS**

Alderman Warlick stated, “I agree with everything my colleagues have said, and would like too add, I welcome the presence of the bulldozers on the Lakefront.” **WARLICK**

Administrator Dody reminded everybody of the meeting on December 16th for the second reading of the technical services agreement, and indicated the time has not been established yet. Mr. Dody also reminded everyone that the TIF meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>. **DODY**

Administrator Dody informed the Council that the archeological findings report was back and asked Don Stephens to read the report. (See Attachment “A”).

Mayor Schaefer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the staff, and stated they have done a fine job. **SCHAEFER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**No Public Comments.**

**ADJOURN:**

**Alderman Huff moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Farris. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Taylor, Huff, Farris, and Warlick. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.**