

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on September 17, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Also in attendance were: City Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Faught, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, City Clerk Sandra Williams, Health Director Linn Smith, Director of Finance Deanna Schlegel, Director of Parks and Recreation Cindy Shook, Fire Chief Carl Sparks, Police Chief Steve Mefford, City Engineer David Miller, Human Resources Director Debbie Durler, and Public Works Director Larry VanGilder.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance," and Sandra Williams gave the invocation.

REGULAR AGENDA:

First reading of Bill No. 2724, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Branson Arts Council was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Sandra Williams provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2724. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2724
AGREEMENT
BRANSON ARTS
COUNCIL**

First reading of Bill No. 2725, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Christian Action Ministry (CAM) was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and she also provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2725. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2725
AGREEMENT
CHRISTIAN ACTION
MINISTRY (CAM)**

First reading of Bill No. 2726, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and The Salvation Army was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Sandra Williams provided the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Huff entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2726. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2726
AGREEMENT
THE SALVATION
ARMY**

Public Hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2727, an ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Branson, Missouri, for the fiscal year October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, and providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are

**BILL NO. 2727
ADOPTING BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2003
THRU SEPT. 30, 2004**

appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget, was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Terry Dody provided the staff report. The proposed bill adopts the 2004 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 39,873,532. Mayor Pro Tem Huff entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2727. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Mayor Pro Tem Huff then opened the Public Hearing for comments by the audience or the Board. Receiving no comments or questions from the audience, Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked for comments from the Aldermen. Alderman Gass inquired about the difference in the interest revenue projected for 2004. Administrator Dody replied that part of the interest in 2003 was a result of the bond proceeds that were issued for \$33.5-million dollars and set in reserve drawing interest, less interest would accrue in 2004 because those funds had been spent. Mayor Pro Tem Huff asked the Administrator to comment on how the City protects itself against a severe economic downturn, and how the debt is paid if that happened. Administrative Dody replied that first of all every bond requires a reserve be put into place which is per the bond covenants and is held in a Trust Account by an outside third party organization. The City also keeps about \$7-million dollars in the general operating fund which could be used, and there is a rainy day fund which is kept as a reserve but could be used for anything the Board decides is needed. The City would also look at programs to see what could be cut, and look at staff reductions depending on how bad the downturn was. The key is by having the reserves in place it gives us time to react in a business like manner, said Mr. Dody. Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Pro Tem Huff closed the Public Hearing and called for a vote. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Huff 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 Pro Tem Huff opened the floor for a motion to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Alderman Barker moved to reconvene into Closed Executive Session. Seconded by Alderwoman Martin. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Alderwoman moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Gass. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: None. Absent: Schaefer. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.