

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Also present were City Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Faught, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, City Clerk Sandra Williams, Director of Engineering David Miller, Director of Communications Jerry Adams, Finance Director Deanna Schlegel, Police Chief Steve Mefford, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Director of Human Resources Deb Durler, 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 regular meeting of September 8, 2003, and the two special meetings of September 17, 2003, receiving none, Alderman Huff then moved to approve the Minutes as presented of the regular meeting of September 8, 2003, and the two special meetings of September 17, 2003, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Schaefer 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:

Receipt of the minutes of the Park Board meetings of March 25, 2003, April 15, 2003, June 10, 2003, and July 15, 2003. Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings of April 15, 2003 and August 5, 2003 were acknowledged within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF
MINUTES**

Final reading of Bill No. 2702 annexing property owned by Vernon E. and Naomi Ruth Bowers, Trustees into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-210 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2702
ANNEXATION
VERNON E. & NAOMI
RUTH BOWERS
ORD. NO. 2003-210**

Final reading of Bill No. 2703 annexing property owned by Paul M. Jardine into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-211 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2703
ANNEXATION
PAUL M. JARDINE
ORD. NO. 2003-211**

Final reading of Bill No. 2704 annexing property owned by Mary E. and Myron B. Bruffett into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-212 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2704
ANNEXATION
MARY E. & MYRON B.
BRUFFETT
ORD. NO. 2003-212**

Final reading of Bill No. 2705 annexing property owned by Tammy M. and Benjamin T. Ledbetter into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-213 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2705
ANNEXATION
TAMMY M. & BENJAMIN T.
LEDBETTER
ORD. NO. 2003-213**

Final reading of Bill No. 2706 annexing property owned by Branson Bank into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-214 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2706
ANNEXATION
BRANSON BANK
ORD. NO. 2003-214**

Final reading of Bill No. 2707 annexing property owned by Edward E. and Darilyn J. Johnson into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-215 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2707
ANNEXATION
EDWARD E. &
DARILYN J. JOHNSON
ORD. NO. 2003-215**

Final reading of Bill No. 2708 annexing property owned by Fred and Lillie M. Phillips into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-216 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2708
ANNEXATION
FRED & LILLIE M.
PHILLIPS
ORD. NO. 2003-216**

Final reading of Bill No. 2709 annexing property owned by Bill L. and Elaine A. Reder into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-217 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2709
ANNEXATION
BILL L. & ELAINE A.
REDER
ORD. NO. 2003-217**

Final reading of Bill No. 2710 annexing property owned by Billy L. and Elaine A. Reder into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance

**BILL NO. 2710
ANNEXATION
BILLY L. & ELAINE A.
REDER**

No. 2003-218 was duly enacted.

ORD. NO. 2003-218

Final reading of Bill No. 2711 annexing property owned by Moshe and Galit Shalom into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-219 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2711
ANNEXATION
MOSHE & GALIT
SHALOM
ORD. NO. 2003-219

Final reading of Bill No. 2712 annexing property owned by Edwin W. and Barbara A. Simmons into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-220 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2712
ANNEXATION
EDWIN W. &
BARBARA A. SIMMONS
ORD. NO. 2003-220

Final reading of Bill No. 2713 annexing property owned by Kenneth W. Waldrum and Michelle E. Ogata into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-221 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2713
ANNEXATION
KENNETH W. WALDRUM
& MICHELLE E. OGATA
ORD. NO. 2003-221

Final reading of Bill No. 2714 annexing property owned by Jonathan W. and Dianna C. Beasley into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-222 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2714
ANNEXATION
JONATHAN W. &
DIANNA C. BEASLEY
ORD. NO. 2003-222

Final reading of Bill No. 2715 annexing property owned by Steven L. Black into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-223 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2715
ANNEXATION
STEVEN L. BLACK
ORD. NO. 2003-223

Final reading of Bill No. 2716 annexing property owned by The Church Army, Inc. into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-224 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2716
ANNEXATION
THE CHURCH
ARMY, INC.
ORD. NO. 2003-224

Final reading of Bill No. 2717 annexing property owned by Jacqueline A. Helbert and Terry Whiteside into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-225 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 2717
ANNEXATION
JACQUELINE A. HELBERT
& TERRY WHITESIDE
ORD. NO. 2003-225

Final reading of Bill No. 2718 annexing property owned by Bill R. and Mary K. Jones into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff,

BILL NO. 2718
ANNEXATION
BILL R. & MARY K.

Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-226 was duly enacted.

**JONES
ORD. NO. 2003-226**

Final reading of Bill No. 2719 annexing property owned by Charles G. and Patsy S. Phillips into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-227 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2719
ANNEXATION
CHARLES G. &
PATSY S. PHILLIPS
ORD. NO. 2003-227**

Final reading of Bill No. 2720 annexing property owned by Richmack, LLC into the City was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-228 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2720
ANNEXATION
RICHMACK, LLC
ORD. NO. 2003-228**

Final reading of Bill No. 2721 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Scott Consulting Engineers, P.C. for design services for the East Fall Creek Sewer Project, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-229 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2721
AGREEMENT
SCOTT CONSULTING
ENGINEERS, P.C.
EAST FALL CREEK
SEWER PROJECT
ORD. NO. 2003-229**

Final reading of Bill No. 2722 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Berger Devine Yaeger, Inc. for design of the Business 65 Traffic Roundabout located on the south end of the Lake Taneycomo Bridge, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-230 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2722
AGREEMENT
BERGER DEVINE
YAEGER, INC.
BUS. 65 TRAFFIC
ROUNDAABOUT
ORD. NO. 2003-230**

Final reading of Bill No. 2723 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for engineering design of the Branson Landing Sewer Realignment Project, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-231 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2723
AGREEMENT
BURNS & McDONNELL
ENGINEERING CO.
BRANSON LANDING
SEWER REALIGNMENT
PROJECT
ORD. NO. 2003-231**

Final reading of Bill No. 2724 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Branson Arts Council was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Ordinance No. 2003-232 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2724
AGREEMENT
BRANSON ARTS COUNCIL
ORD. NO. 2003-232**

Final reading of Bill No. 2725, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Christian Action Ministry (CAM) was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-233 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2725
AGREEMENT
CHRISTIAN ACTION
MINISTRY (CAM)
ORD. NO. 2003-233**

Final reading of Bill No. 2726, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and The Salvation Army was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-234 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2726
AGREEMENT
THE SALVATION
ARMY
ORD. NO. 2003-234**

Final 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 appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget was approved within the Consent Agenda. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-235 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 2727
ADOPTING BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2003
THRU SEPT. 30, 2004
ORD. NO. 2003-235**

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

At this time Alderman Ron Huff read the public statement below on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

“During the past several weeks, accusations have been made that both the City Administrator and City Attorney have been rude, unprofessional and out-of-line with speakers during the Board’s business meetings. The Mayor and Board want to state that we unanimously disagree with those accusations and find that they are ridiculous and could not be further from the truth.

The actions taken by the City Administrator and City Attorney, which have been painted as being rude and unprofessional, have taken place in the present of the Board. Each Board member sees and hears first hand what transpires during our business meetings. It is absurd to believe or even suggest that if such alleged conduct was happening, that we, as individuals and as a collective governing body, would simply allow it to happen and continue.

Because each business meeting is officially recorded as the legal meeting minutes, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen completely reviewed the tapes of the August 25, 2003 and September 8, 2003 business meetings. It was during those meetings that the worst of the rude, unprofessional and out-of-line behavior was alleged to have occurred. What we heard on those tapes as we revisited those meetings was, instead, just the opposite. In fact, we found it remarkable that the City Administrator and City Attorney could maintain such decorum and professionalism in the face of how they were treated. We strongly suggest that you take the time to listen to the official meeting tapes yourself. If you do, you will realize that the accusations that have been made by certain individuals are just fabrications that are clearly designed to do nothing more than attempt to stir up negative sentiments within the community in an apparent effort to discredit the actions of both the governing body and City staff. Again, we urge you to take the time to listen to the official meeting tapes yourself.

The accusations regarding rude, unprofessional and out-of-line behavior made by certain individuals are completely without merit. At all times the City Administrator and the City Attorney acted with the utmost professional courtesy and decorum. In fact, the actions taken by the City Administrator and City Attorney were taken in their roles as City staff and they were acting completely at the direction of this governing body. We not only fully support and endorse the actions taken by our staff and commend them for their professional demeanor in the face of unwarranted and baseless accusations, but we also demand such action – it’s their job.”

First reading of Bill No. 2728 an ordinance amending Section 105.020 of the Branson Municipal Code, Regular Meetings, and adding a new Section 105.025 by defining *Public Comment Meetings*, was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Mayor Schaefer then provided a report for the Board as follows:

**BILL NO. 2728
AMENDING
BRANSON MUNICIPAL
PUBLIC COMMENT
MEETINGS**

“The City Code mandates that the Board of Aldermen hold regularly scheduled business meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The purpose of the business meeting is to enable the Board to transact all necessary business essential to the operation of the City. The business meeting is broken down into several segments. During the regularly scheduled business meetings, citizens have the opportunity to address the Board concerning the merits of various ordinances or resolutions pending before the Board. The decorum for addressing the Board during the business portion of the Board’s meeting consists of two requirements: 1.) The speakers’ comments may only address the merits of any pending motion or issue before the Board. 2.) While making these remarks, a person must refrain from using impertinent, slanderous or boisterous remarks while addressing the Board.

One of the features of the current Board Meeting Agenda is the portion of the meeting known as Public Comment. This portion of the meeting allows citizens to address the Board for five (5) minutes on any topic submitted to the Board six (6) days prior to the meeting, so long as the topic relates to City business. The only constraint on the speaker appearing during this portion of the Board’s meeting is that the person discuss the topics

submitted to the City Clerk six (6) days prior to the meeting. The decorum rules also apply to speakers during this portion of the meeting.

Over the past several meetings, it appears that some confusion has arisen as to the scope of public comment both during the business portion of the Board's meetings when ordinances or resolutions are pending before the Board and the Public Comment portion of the meeting itself. In an effort to clarify the purpose of the Board's meeting and to further encourage citizen input to the Board in the form of public comment regarding City business, Staff recommends that the Public Comment portion of the business meeting be deleted and in its place, the Board open a separate meeting, known as a Public Comment Meeting. The Public Comment Meeting would begin immediately upon the adjournment of the Board's Business Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. The scope of the Public Comment Meeting would be that any citizen, so long as they sign up on the sign-up sheet located at the Council Chamber door could address the Board for a total of ten (10) minutes on any topic, so long as it related to City business. The Public Comment Meeting would take on more of a town hall meeting and would permit any individuals who wish to speak the opportunity to speak without having to try to notify the Board within six (6) days of its meeting as is currently required. It would also allow citizens to speak on any topic regarding City business without having to submit their request in writing to the City Clerk. The ground rules for the Public Comment Meeting would be that each person is given a total of ten (10) minutes time within which to make their comments. If a person chose to request information from the Board during this time, and the Board responded, that would not permit any person to enlarge their time. The decorum for the Public Comment Meeting will be governed by the current decorum rules which require that a speaker refrain from personal attacks, impertinent, slanderous or boisterous conduct. Finally, in the interest of allowing the maximum number of citizens to speak during this meeting, a person can only address the Board one time per meeting.

While the Public Comment Meeting will have a new set of rules, the citizens should keep in mind that the Board's business meeting will still be governed by the same rules regarding speaking on topic and decorum. There is no change regarding public input during the Board's business meetings."

Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2728. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. After some discussion was held by the audience regarding this matter, Mayor Schaefer called for a vote on the motion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the Bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2728 by title again. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2728. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-236 was duly enacted.

Public hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2729 an ordinance vacating a portion of Vanzandt Street was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after no discussion from the audience or the Board, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2729. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2729
PUBLIC HEARING
VACATING
A PORTION OF
VANZANDT STREET**

Public hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2730 an ordinance vacating all streets located east of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and west of Lake Taneycomo in the Branson Landing area of downtown Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Williams and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after some discussion from the audience and Board, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2730. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye were: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2730
PUBLIC HEARING
VACATING
STREETS ALONG
LAKE TANEYCOMO
BRANSON LANDING
PROJECT**

Public hearing and first reading of Bill No. 2731 an ordinance approving "PD" Planned Development Zoning and approving Land Use Regulations for Planned Development PD-2003-002 for property known as Fall Creek Resort, Branson, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer opened the Public Hearing and after some discussion closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2731. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2731
PUBLIC HEARING
LAND USE
REGULATIONS
FALL CREEK RESORT**

First reading of Bill No. 2732 an ordinance amending Title IV of the Branson Municipal Code, Chapter 445; Sign Regulations, Section 445.020: Exemptions, excepting Moving Billboards from Sign Code Exemptions was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2732. Alderman Barker moved to approve the bill on first reading, seconded by Alderman Purvis. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO 2732
AMENDING
BRANSON MUNICIPAL
CODE – TITLE IV
SIGN REGULATIONS
EXEMPTIONS**

First reading of Bill No. 2733 an ordinance amending Section 405.020 of the Branson Municipal Code by adding language limiting the use of required front yard for

**BILL NO. 2733
AMENDING
BRANSON MUNICIPAL**

commercial purposes was read by title by City Clerk Williams, CODE – SECTION 405.020 and Don Stephens provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2733. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. After some discussion, Mayor Schaefer called for the vote. Voting aye: Barker, Martin, Huff, and Edie. Nays: Gass and Purvis. Motion carried.

**ADDING LANGUAGE
LIMITING USE
REQUIRED FRONT
YARD - COMMERCIAL**

First reading of Bill No. 2734 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute amendments to the Engineering Services Agreements with Transystems Corporation pertaining to the James F. Epps Road Extension Project was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2734. Alderman Huff moved to approve the first reading, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO 2734
AMENDMENT
TRANSYSTEMS
CORPORATION
AGREEMENT
JAMES F. EPPS ROAD
EXTENSION**

First reading of Bill No. 2735 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and M.J. Harden Associates, Inc. for Planimetric and Contour Data Development, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was read by title by City Clerk, and David Miller provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 2735. Alderman Barker moved to approve the bill on first reading, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 2735
AGREEMENT
M.J. HARDEN
TOPOGRAPHIC
STUDY**

First reading of Bill No. 2736 an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and Dinan Real Estate Advisors, Inc. for appraisal of the proposed Convention Center site, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement 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. 2736. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**BILL NO 2736
AGREEMENT
DINAN REAL
ESTATE ADVISORS
CONVENTION CENTER
SITE**

First reading of Bill No. 2737 an ordinance approving a contract addendum between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the City of Branson for West Nile mosquito surveillance and collection for FY 2003-04, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the addendum was read by title by City Clerk Williams. Linn Smith provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2437. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderman

**BILL NO. 2737
ADDENDUM
MO DEPT OF HEALTH &
SENIOR SERVICES
WEST NILE VIRUS
ORD. NO. 2003-237**

Purvis. Discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Alderman Barker moved to read the bill a second time by emergency due to a timeline, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2737 by title again. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2737. Alderman Huff made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-237 was duly enacted.

First reading of Bill No. 2738 an ordinance accepting the proposal of bid award from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri through Akers & Arney Insurance Agency, Inc. for Health and Life Insurance for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the contract was read by title by City Clerk Williams, and Deb Durler provided the staff report. Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2738. Alderman Purvis made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Martin. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. At this time Alderman Huff moved to read the bill a second time by unanimous consent, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. City Clerk Williams read Bill No. 2738 by title again. Mayor Schaefer then entertained a motion approving the final reading of Bill No. 2738. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Barker. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 2003-238 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO 2738
BID AWARD
HEALTH INSURANCE
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD
ORD. NO. 2003-238**

Resolution approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Summerwood Estates, Second Addition 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 Barker moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Edie. No discussion. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2003-R018 was approved.

**RESOLUTION
PRELIMINARY
SUBDIVISION PLAT
SUMMERWOOD ESTATES
RESOL. NO. 2003-R018**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mayor Schaefer stated the next item was review of the disbursements, and asked if there were any questions regarding the disbursements. Hearing none, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to approve the disbursements. Alderman Gass made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. 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. Hearing none, Mayor Schaefer opened the floor for Aldermen and Administrator's Reports.

ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman Gass stated he wanted to applaud Alderwoman Martin as she just became a first time grandmother of a baby girl. **GASS**

Alderman Gass commented that a number of the aldermen and himself had the opportunity to attend the Medal of Honor Banquet at the Chateau and met 76 of the 134 living Medal of Honor recipients. All of them were elated with the treatment they were receiving in Branson, and said it was the best convention they had been to, and told us they were coming back and were going to bring their families. That says a lot for our citizens, they really opened the door for these recipients and it was an honor to meet them, said Mr. Gass. **GASS**

Alderman Barker also congratulated Ms. Martin, and stated he had also attended the banquet. They are fine gentlemen and there was not a one of them that I would not want as my next door neighbor. They are very humble men but very proud of their country. It was very much an honor to be in their midst. **BARKER**

Alderman Barker also commended the staff especially Terry Dody and Dan Wichmer for stepping up to the challenge when they were asked to provide the Board with options of what could be done to improve our public comments portion of the meetings. They supplied us with every alternative that was thought available to us, polled other communities to see what they were doing, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank both of them for working so hard and diligently to get us to this point, indicated Mr. Barker. **BARKER**

Alderwoman Martin informed everyone that her granddaughter is a beautiful baby girl, and she was not prejudiced. **MARTIN**

Alderwoman Martin commented on the boom that is happening in Branson now and the smiles on peoples' faces. It is really exciting to see Branson back hopping and doing good. I think we should be very grateful that Branson is still one of the real boom cities in North America and can be very proud of our area, stated Ms. Martin. **MARTIN**

Alderman Huff congratulated the Branson Task Force and all of those responsible for putting the banquet together for the Congressional **HUFF**

Medal of Honor recipients, as it was an outstanding event.

Alderman Purvis stated he too would like to commend the Branson Task Force for an outstanding job of bringing this unique group of men to our community. When the group walked in, there was a feeling of walking on hallowed ground. It was such an awesome experience to be there and to visit with them and hear about their families and lives. Mr. Purvis said everyone they talked with indicated they were having a great time, would be coming back with their families, and that Branson was the most gracious, fun place they had ever held their reunions. Mr. Purvis then congratulated everyone in the community that have worked and been a part of the Branson community and made it what it is today. We have a unique place, there is no other place like it, and these men recognized this.

PURVIS

Administrator Dody updated the Board on the revamping of the City's website that is six years old. Mr. Dody said it was produced with software that has become antiquated. Staff is bringing it up to speed and are close to modifying our web page.

DODY

Administrator Dody also informed the Board that staff was bringing to conclusion the re-codification of our City Municipal Code, and hopefully in another two-months that will be complete. The new code will be placed on the website and so very shortly there should be some improvements.

DODY

Mayor Schaefer said that in the last two weeks he had been to two different conventions, one in Kansas City and one in Oklahoma City, and everyone he had spoken to have been to Branson or are planning on coming. People recognize Branson as the spot to go to in the mid-west. These people were from California, New York, Florida, people from all 50 states. It is a well known community with a tremendous reputation, indicated the Mayor.

SCHAEFER

ADJOURN:

At this time, Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Huff moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.