

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER 10, 2003**

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 November 10, 2003 at 8:35 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Also in attendance were: Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant Administrator Kevin Faught, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, and 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 four people signed up to address the Board.

John Logan, Lakeshore Drive, Branson, addressed the Board stating that a former business partner of his and a former member of the Board, Paul Nelson has passed away. Paul was a long time citizens of this community and was one of the first Mary Award Winners from the Chamber of Commerce. He promoted our community far and wide through advertisements and sports field magazine, and was a leader in promoting the wholesome activities in our community. Mr. Logan then asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Paul.

Larry Milton, 102 Vixen, Branson, addressed the Board asking if the City or the Chamber of Commerce could talk with the "Medal of Honor Society" that meet and consider supporting this and making Branson their meeting place. Alderman Barker replied that he did not know what it would take to get them back but the comments he had heard were very positive. We are very fortunate we did not have any flag burning or anyone talking down to the veterans. It just wasn't done and it wasn't tolerated in this community, and he believes that is why for the veterans, this community has risen to the point it is today. We were patriotic when it wasn't cool, and have earned the right to be recognized as a place where veterans can come and be honored.

Chris Myer, 3601 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, addressed the Board regarding the OPC requirements that was put into place, and stated it was his understanding the City was going to go back and look at additional ordinances, and he would encourage the Board to take a strong step to protect our customers. We need to make sure that when the customer leaves our destination they go home and tell everybody all of the good things, and right now there are a lot of things that aren't good happening as it relates to those industries, stated Mr. Myer.

Mayor Schaefer 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. Motion was seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Huff. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.