

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 9, 2004 at 8:35 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Also in attendance were: Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant Administrator Kevin Faught, Assistant City Attorney Russ Dempsey, 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 two people signed up to address the Board.

Chuck Pennel, 353 Quincy Road, Kirbyville was the first speaker to address the Board. Mr. Pennel said he came again to ask you to consider adopting a resolution to stop the expansion of certain alcohol in the theaters. He said he had nothing new to share and that he did appreciate the City of Branson and was excited about the Recreation Center as it serves a lot of folks in the county, a big percentage. Mr. Pennel said he knew the Board cared about the community, and he did appreciate them giving their time. He indicated that receiving "Attaboys" does a lot for him and he would like to sincerely say "Attaboy" for all of the good things the Board has done and are doing. "I just feel this issue that I originally came in for is important to our community, and it is too early to give up", stated Mr. Pennel. Alderman Huff spoke saying he was glad to hear that Chuck was pleased with the Recreation Center, and just wanted him to know the City would gladly accept any financial assistance from the County, since we serve so many youngsters and adults that live outside the City limits.

CHUCK PENNEL

John Logan, East Lakeshore Drive, Branson, was the next speaker to address the Board. Mr. Logan informed the Board they are a branded family vacation area on Branson Landing, and he would like to see the Board adopt a resolution opposing the expansion of alcohol sales into the theaters. There are ample venues within our community; convenience stores, restaurants, package stores where people can buy liquor, more people will be hurt and injured by alcohol than by gambling, and the Board made a resolution against gambling. There is nothing illegal about making a resolution. Please, please, say yes, take a vote, or say no. Stop the expansion of alcohol sales in our theaters, because we are a family vacation area. This is Branson – the home of family vacations. If we lose it, we have lost it forever and we are stewards of our community. The people that have signed petitions are asking simply that it not be allowed to expand into our theaters.

JOHN LOGAN

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. 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 Barker made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Martin absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.