

**PUBLIC COMMENTS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, APRIL 26, 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 April 26 at 10:37 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Also in attendance from the City were: Administrator Terry Dody, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Westfall, City Clerk Sandra Williams, and Assistant City Attorney Russ Dempsey.

Mayor Pro Tem Huff 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 was only one person signed up to address the Board.

Chuck Pennel, 353 Quincy Road, Kirbyville addressed the Board saying he had three items. The first item was the Tourism Tax regarding 25% per state statute was to go towards marketing. Mr. Pennel asked that the Board consider having the legislature changed to include another 25 or 50 percent going to marketing, after the Transportation Tax is extended. The second item Mr. Pennel spoke about was regarding liquor in theaters. He said that at a past event, over and over he heard over people talking about our “family destination, and family oriented place” which is what Branson is all about. Once again, he asked the Board as they would not pass a resolution, to consider asking our legislators to present a bill giving cities and counties the opportunity to regulate liquor. The third item he spoke about was regarding gambling. Mr. Pennel indicated although the City has passed several resolutions over the years against gambling, he would like the city, community, and county to pull together and work on this issue.

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Mayor Pro Tem Huff 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 Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Schaefer entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Barker moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.