

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, JUNE 28, 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 June 28, 2004 at 7:40 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 Frank Schoneboom, City Attorney Dan Wichmer, 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 was one person signed up to address the Board.

Ricky Renfro, 108 Fern, Branson, addressed the Board saying he was upset because they are cutting into the Liberty Tree and are trying to kill it so that they can get rid of it. That tree is over a hundred and some years old and should not be killed. He said he also got upset when he watched them bulldoze the steps out, because he thought it was agreed to save more of the steps than they did. Those steps were built by the WPA and the government was involved and financed that project back in the 30's and I feel we need to save them and put them back somewhere else on the project. Mr. Renfro also discussed his views on the alcohol issue.

Mayor Schaefer said that from his home he could see all the way to Dimitri's and he believes they have really tried to do everything to preserve the Liberty Tree. They have planned the Boardwalk around it, and are featuring it as an item on the Boardwalk for everyone to see. He stated he knew that every precaution is being taken to protect it.

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, 610.021.3 for personnel, and 610.021.2 for contract negotiations. The 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 made the motion, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Gass, Barker, Martin, Huff, Edie, and Purvis. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.