

MINUTES

THE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI September 24, 2007

INTRODUCTORY

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 September 24, 2007 at 10:34 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Presley presiding, Jack Purvis, Sandra Williams, Stan Barker, Bob McDowell, Dick Gass and Stephen Marshall present.

Also present from the City were: Acting City Administrator Frank Schoneboom, City Attorney Paul Link, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, Director of Communications Jerry Adams, Director of Finance Ferris Brown, City Engineer David Miller, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Ruth Denham, Police Chief Caroll McCullough, Fire Chief Carl Sparks, Director of Health Linn Smith, Director of Computer Information Services D.J. Cline, Parks Director Cindy Shook and Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder.

Mayor Presley called the public comment 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.

The speakers for the evening were:

Chuck Pennel , 353 Quincy Road, Kirbyville, Missouri, (handout) spoke about the November 6th Ballot containing an Economic Development Sales Tax proposal. He added, the County Commission voted to appoint a 5 to 7 member Transportation Board for the County to develop a Master Plan. He also said the number one priority will be to keep the Taneycomo Bridge from being closed for a year and he thought the Value Engineering Meeting went well. He stated there would be 3 or 4 public meetings in different areas of town to answer questions and provide information concerning the proposed tax.

Darin Codon, P.O. Box 2065, Branson, Missouri, stated he has been following this county tax proposal and he feels there are some major issues in this county that need to be addressed. He said this special interest tax upsets him because he knows there are a limited amount of funds and the levy can not continue to be put on the backs of the people. He said the transportation aspect was needed and was a good aspect to the proposal but it provides little or no economic value to the county. He also added there are some very serious problems in the community that needs to be looked at that could destroy the tourist economy and one of them is the Meth problem. He said he has looked at some stats which show us as number one in the region. He said this is the wrong tax, at the wrong time.

ADJOURN

Mayor Presley entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Barker moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Purvis. Voting aye: Purvis, Williams, Barker, McDowell, Gass and Marshall. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.