

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI April 16, 2008

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Westfall gave the Oath of Office to; Stan Barker, Alderman Ward I, Cris Bohinc, Alderwoman Ward II and Rick Davis, Alderman Ward III.

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on April 16, 2008 at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Presley presiding, Stan Barker, Rick Davis, Sandra Williams, Stephen Marshall, Cris Bohinc and Bob McDowell 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 Computer Information Services D.J. Cline, Director of Engineering David Miller, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Fire Chief Carl Sparks and Police Chief Caroll McCullough.

ELECTION OF PRO-TEMPORE PRESIDENT

Mayor Presley recommended the appointment of Senior Board Member Stan Barker as Pro tempore President (Mayor Pro tem) and called for nominations. Alderwoman Williams nominated Stan Barker. Receiving no other nominations Mayor Presley closed the nominations and called for a vote to approve Alderman Barker as Pro tempore President. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mayor Presley repeated Alderman Gass' presentation to the April Employee of the Month Corporal Matt Gregory of the Branson Police Department (upon his arrival) for organizing an Abduction Child Alert program for Branson which allows for voluntary participation by citizens within a hundred miles radius of Branson to better protect area children.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY MARK PARENT REGARDING THE TANEY COUNTY AIRPORT

Mark Parent, Taney County Airport Manager, 277 Ponderosa Pine Drive, Blue Eye, Missouri provided a presentation on the Taney County Airport Project Improvements and Financial Airport Report 2008. Mayor Presley asked if anyone in the audience had questions or comments. Ron Herschend, 1211 Highway F, Branson, Missouri complimented the excellent Board and Manager who run the Taney County Airport at a profit. He said the money that has been committed is not being used for daily operation but for projects to expand airport service to the community. Mayor Presley asked for comments or questions from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Presley asked for a motion to accept the Airport Report 2008. Alderman Barker moved to approve the report, seconded by Alderman Davis. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BRANSON FIDDLE FESTIVAL AND USE OF TOURISM TAX CONTINGENCY FUND

Dawn Erickson, 698 Wallen Bluff, Branson, Missouri, of the Downtown Branson Main Street Association provided a presentation regarding the Branson Fiddle Festival and Celebrity Pie Contest and asked the City of Branson to designate the festival a "city event" and requested \$11,600.00 in Tourism Tax Contingency Funds for marketing and promoting. Bill Lennon, 229 Country Bluff Drive, Branson, Missouri, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations for the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau stated their support of the Fiddle Festival and encouraged the City of Branson to provide Tourism Tax Contingency Funds to support this event. Mayor Presley asked if anyone in the audience had questions or comments. Hearing none, Mayor Presley asked for comments or questions from the Board. Discussion. Gail Meyer, 365 Whisper Ridge, Branson, Missouri stated that legislation is very clear in stating that the dollars have to be used for marketing and promotion. He said the vision was that all money would be spent outside of Branson. Discussion. The Mayor directed Paul Link to move forward and draft an ordinance and contract. Mayor Presley asked for a motion to accept the Downtown Branson Main Street Association Fiddle Festival Report. Alderman Davis so moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 3537 Approving a revised permanent public access easement located at Fall Creek Road and Highway 76 for the purposes of ingress and egress.

First reading of Bill No. 3537, an ordinance approving a revised permanent public access easement located at Fall Creek Road and Highway 76 for the purposes of ingress and egress was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and the staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Presley asked for a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 3537. Alderman Barker moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Mayor Presley then asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Presley asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

First reading of Bill No. 3538, an ordinance approving a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Branson and the Public Water Supply District No. 3 of Taney County and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and the staff report was presented by Paul Link. Mayor Presley asked for a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 3538. Alderman Marshall so moved, seconded by Alderman Barker. Mayor Presley then asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Presley asked for comments from the Board. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Presley made the following Board and Committee appointments.

Eric Farris reappointment to the Board of Adjustment, with a term expiring April 2013.

Dave Edie to the Board of Adjustment, filling the unexpired term of Bob Alexander expiring April 2012.

Tom Fish to the Board of Adjustment, filling the unexpired term of Jeanne Hendricks expiring April 2009.

Mayor Presley asked for a motion approving the appointments. Alderman Barker moved to approve, seconded by Alderwoman Williams. Mayor Presley then asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Presley asked for comments from the Board. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman McDowell commended staff for their leadership in the community during the recent flooding. He said the Emergency Response Center was activated for the first time and everyone worked very effectively given the short response time. He said his heart goes out to the folks that were affected by the flooding. He has been asked about security issues at meetings in light of events in other communities and asked Chief McCullough be available to discuss this at a future work session.

Alderwoman Bohinc stated it was nice to see so many people from the community at the meeting and hopes that they will continue to come. She thanked staff and the many citizens who helped during the recent flooding.

Alderman Marshall said in times of trials it is nice to see communities come together and he is proud of the citizens and various agencies who worked so hard during the flooding. He welcomed the new Board members.

Alderwoman Williams welcomed Aldermen Bohinc and Davis and thanked everyone who came together to assist the flood victims.

Alderman Davis echoed the sentiments of the previous Aldermen and encouraged the Building Department to go the extra mile and contact the flooding victims to help provide information as to what they need to do and make this as easy as possible for them.

Alderman Barker said he echoed the previous sentiments. He said he has seen the brochures that Jerry Adams is providing to the flood victims and the Planning and Building Department is already making contact to provide information on FEMA, working with them on any unsafe issues that may have occurred and Taney County Health regarding any health issues that may have been caused by the flooding. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments, Public Works, Planning and Building Departments for the work they have done. He thanked Dick Gass and Jack Purvis for their years of service to the City of Branson and he welcomed the new members of the Board.

Administrator Schoneboom congratulated Aldermen Bohinc and Davis on behalf of staff and said he looks forward to working with them. He thanked the Board for all of their kind words acknowledging staff for their hard work during the flooding. He especially acknowledged Fire Chief Sparks, Emergency Response Coordinator and Police Chief McCullough who both did an outstanding job in coordinating with the Army Corps of Engineers in dissemination of information and the coordination of efforts to contact and help people leave the affected areas, cordoning off the affected neighborhoods and keeping watch after the events; Larry VanGilder and his team in Public Works for their efforts in watching the public infrastructure to assure it was not getting damaged and David Miller for his knowledge and ability to look ahead and give accurate information prior to and during the flooding. He also thanked the personnel at Fire Station 1 for their graciousness, it was very much appreciated. He stated that he was extremely proud of this group of people and he knows firsthand that the city of Branson is in good hands.

Mayor Presley echoed all of the above sentiments expressed. She said that she was very impressed with the Emergency Response Team and the contacts they knew and resources they could get brought in very quickly. She thanked everyone involved in helping during a very difficult time. She also acknowledged Frank Schoneboom for all of the additional time he worked leading the team. She reminded everyone about the Partners in Progress meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 and said that MoDot would be there to discuss the bridge. Mayor Presley stated that the May 26, 2008 Board of Alderman meeting falls on a holiday and the Board of Aldermen all agreed to reschedule the meeting to May 27, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Presley stated, that concluded the Regular Agenda and entertained a motion to adjourn to a closed Executive Session. Alderman Marshall moved to go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 610.021.1 RSMo for litigation and 610.021.2 RSMo for real estate, seconded by Alderwoman Williams. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

At this time Mayor Presley asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Williams so moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Voting aye: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Raeanne Presley
Mayor

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk