

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI May 12, 2008

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on May 12, 2008 at 7:00 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 Planning and Zoning Don Stephens, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Fire Chief Carl Sparks and Police Chief Caroll McCullough.

Mayor Presley called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Larry VanGilder gave the invocation.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Alderswoman Williams presented the May Employee of the Month to Rose Atchley of the City Clerk's Office and Chris White of the Computer Information Services Department in recognition of their outstanding help and assistance with the transition of the Branson Health Department and Taney County Health. Rose and Chris each went over and above their normal duties to assist with this monumental task.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Presley began the Public Comments section of the Board of Aldermen meeting by stating that the Board would hear citizens that signed up to speak in the order of the first person signing the sheet.

There were no speakers for the evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Presley asked if there were any citizens that had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Presley asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mayor Presley asked City Clerk Westfall to read the items on the Consent Agenda. City Clerk Westfall read the following Consent Agenda items by title.

Approval of the Board of Aldermen Minutes:

April 25, 2008 special meeting
April 26, 2008 special meeting
April 28, 2008 special meeting
April 28, 2008 regular meeting
May 6, 2008 special meeting

BILL NO. 3539

Ord. No. 2008-049 **Approving an agreement between the City of Branson and the Historic Downtown Branson Business Owners for the Branson Star Walk.**

Final reading of Bill No. 3539, an ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Branson and the Historic Downtown Branson Business Owners for the Branson Star Walk and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the agreement was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-049 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 3540

Ord. No. 2008-050 **Authorizing the expenditure of funds from the City's Tourism Tax Contingency Fund to the Downtown Branson Main Street Association to be used for marketing for the Branson Fiddle Festival and Pie Contest.**

Final reading of Bill No. 3540, an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds from the City's Tourism Tax Contingency Fund to the Downtown Branson Main Street Association to be used for marketing for the Branson Fiddle Festival and Pie Contest and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-050 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 3541

Ord. No. 2008-051 **Approving an Amended and Restated Trail Easement Agreement and accepting a new public multi-use recreational trail/path easement from Westgate GV at the Woods, LLC.**

Final reading of Bill No. 3541, an ordinance approving an Amended and Restated Trail Easement Agreement accepting a new public multi-use recreational trail/path easement from Westgate GV at the Woods, LLC was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-051 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 3542

Ord. No. 2008-052 **Awarding the bids to Hillyard Floor Care, Corporate Express, Fastenal, The Middleton Group/Memco and Interboro Packaging Corp. for the purchase of janitorial supplies used in the parks, campground and facilities of the City of Branson.**

Final reading of Bill No. 3542, an ordinance awarding the bids to Hillyard Floor Care, Corporate Express, Fastenal, The Middleton Group/Memco and Interboro Packaging Corp. for the purchase of janitorial supplies used in the parks, campground and facilities of the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contracts was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis,

Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-052 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 3543

Ord No. 2008-053

Accepting the bid of Crews Construction, Inc. to furnish and install new submersible pumping equipment at Lift Station 1A.

Final reading of Bill No. 3543, an ordinance accepting the bid of Crews Construction, Inc. to furnish and install new submersible pumping equipment at Lift Station 1A and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2008-053 was duly enacted.

Mayor Presley opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Alderwoman Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY THE ETC INSTITUTE

Chris Tatham of the ETC Institute presented the results of the Citizen's and Business Survey. Mayor Presley asked if anyone in the audience had questions or comments. Jory Rolf, 1392 Skyview, Branson, Missouri congratulated the City of Branson on the results of the survey for customer service and stated the City of Branson staff is incredible. He also inquired about the release of information from returned surveys that were not part of the original survey mailed out. Gail Myer, 365 Whisper Ridge, Branson, Missouri inquired about the size of the cities used to determine the national average. Mayor Presley asked for comments or questions from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Presley asked for a motion to accept the ETC Institute report. Alderman Marshall so moved, seconded by Alderman Barker. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 3544

Annexing property petitioned by Jacqueline Nguyen located at 1109 Bird Road.

Public hearing and first reading of Bill No. 3544, an ordinance annexing property petitioned by Jacqueline Nguyen located at 1109 Bird Road, Branson, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and the staff report was presented by Don Stephens. Mayor Presley opened the public hearing and asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition of this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Presley closed the public hearing and asked for a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 3544. Alderman Barker moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Davis. 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.

Authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Sewer Services and Exclusive Territorial Agreement with the Taney County Regional Sewer District, the Taney County Commission and the City of Branson.

First reading of Bill No. 3545, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Sewer Services and Exclusive Territorial Agreement with the Taney County Regional Sewer District, the Taney County Commission and the City of Branson was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and the staff report was presented by Larry VanGilder. Mayor Presley asked for a motion approving the first reading of Bill No. 3545. Alderwoman Bohinc so moved, 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. Discussion. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS

Mayor Presley stated the next item was review of disbursements for March 20, 2008 through April 17, 2008 and asked if there were any questions regarding the disbursements. Discussion. [See Master File for copies of disbursements.] Mayor Presley asked for a motion acknowledging the receipt of disbursements. Alderman Marshall moved to recognize the disbursements, seconded by Alderwoman Williams. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderwoman Bohinc said she was pleased to have the results of the Citizen's Survey and encouraged citizens to keep giving their input.

Alderman McDowell stated he was equally excited about the survey and he commended staff for their efforts and achieving the customer service scores. He said he was excited about moving forward with the survey and using it as an ongoing tool to improve the city for residents and visitors. Alderman McDowell said Chris Tatham was a great spokesperson and advocate for the process and a pleasure to work with.

Alderman Barker said the survey told him what he felt along which is the City of Branson has great employees that make Branson such a wonderful city to live in. He also thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers extended to his family upon the passing of his Brother-in-law Bob Hepner.

Alderman Davis stated there is ongoing concern in Ward 3 regarding storm water runoff and communication with the Corps of Engineers. He requested that the Mayor and Administrator contact the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the likelihood of reviewing and changing their policy regarding water release from Tablerock Lake and notifying interested citizens for their participation in the process. Alderman Davis said he met a member of the Students in Free Enterprise group at the College of the Ozarks and they are interested in taking on a project involving energy efficiency in the City of Branson. He noted the Recycling Convention for Missouri and Arkansas taking place at the Convention Center and requested the Board meet with the City's Environmental Specialist along with Larry VanGilder to receive an update on the City of Branson's recycling efforts.

Alderwoman Williams thanked the citizens and businesses that participated in the survey. She said by finding out what the citizens and businesses think are important issues, the survey can

be used as a guiding tool for future decisions. She inquired on the status of the TanStone project and Paul Link informed her that it is close and may be available for first reading at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Administrator Schoneboom said he was pleased with the results of the Citizen Survey and assured the Board the data will be used for strategic policy making and he will be working with the Directors to use the data to set goals to improve the quality services the City of Branson currently has. He stated during the survey process he found Chris Tatham and his colleagues at ETC to be very professional, good natured and easy to work with and he feels they provided a quality product that will help the city move forward.

Mayor Presley discussed the book *Measuring Up 2.0* she provided to the Aldermen. She said the route signs are expected to be in place by July 1, 2008. She stated the Public Service Commission will host a public hearing midsummer in the Branson area related to Tri-States Utilities service issues and price increase request. Mayor Presley said a reception for the candidates for City Administrator will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Convention Center and interviews will be held in Closed Executive Session on Friday, May 16, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

At this time Mayor Presley asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Williams so moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall. Voting aye: Barker, Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Raeanne Presley
Mayor

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk