

# MINUTES

## A MEETING OF THE LIQUOR TASK FORCE COMMITTEE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI JULY 8, 2008

### INTRODUCTORY

The Liquor Task Force Committee met for a special meeting in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on July 8, 2008, at 5:30 p.m.

Liquor Task Force Committee members present: Raeanne Presley, Jack Purvis, Sandra Williams, Captain Ron Key (Salvation Army), Chris Lucchi (MG Hospitality), Steve Scherer (Grand Hospitality) and Chris Vinton (Weisz Commercial Reality).

Also present were: Alderman Stan Barker, Alderwoman Cris Bohinc, Alderman Bob McDowell, City Administrator Dean Kruihof, Assistant City Administrator Frank Schoneboom, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, City Attorney Paul Link, Police Chief Caroll McCullough, Director of Planning and Zoning Don Stephens, Joe Hodgkin, District Supervisor, Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Richard Bryant, Special Counsel and Chris Davis, Administrator of Prevention Services with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Alderman Stephen Marshall arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Richard Bryant provided an overview of the changes in the ordinance.

Chris Davis discussed the function of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the support they provide to communities.

Mayor Presley asked for questions or comments from the audience. Topics discussed were:

- The State of Missouri needs to provide funding for more Code Enforcement Officers.
- Boat provisions.
- What is the reason for this proposed ordinance? There are very strict requirements by the State already.
- Businesses that sell alcoholic beverages are not aware of a problem with underage drinking in Branson.
- Is this ordinance being proposed because of some problem that we currently have in Branson or is this a change of venue by someone on the Board of Aldermen.
- This all started because of a Kiosk at Branson Landing, the issue has been resolved and this appears as overkill.
- Why is the City of Branson interfering when there is a State agency that takes care of liquor issues? If a problem exists a state inspector needs to be called.
- The need for Branson to enforce their own laws. Regulations better enforced at the local level.
- Corkage fees.

- The need for business owners and citizens to commit to Branson staying safe.
- Regulation of alcohol sales within 300 feet of churches and schools.
- Times of sale and consumption on Sundays.
- Numbers of licenses issued based on population.
- Businesses feel they are doing a good job now. No communication on paper from the City or the Committee to establishments asking for their input.
- More paperwork involved with proposed ordinance.
- Sales to minors.
- Sale of alcohol on business patios.
- Server training is a good idea.
- Restrictions on type of musical entertainment at drinking establishments.
- Ordinance is meddling in businesses business.
- Under age drinking is happening in homes and an ordinance will not stop that.
- Need for the ability to enforce drinking on private property.
- Notification of business owners when the new law goes into affect.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Raeanne Presley  
Mayor