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Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen at July 13, 2010 meeting

SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS

Board approves Branson Airport supplemental agreement that provides funds to the airport

Aldermen approved an agreement allowing the city to direct Pay for Performance (PFP) payments to the Branson Airport TDD (Transportation Development District). These funds have been held up until city officials and Branson Airport representatives modified the PFP agreement. Under the new agreement, city payments of \$8.24 per passenger will be made twice a year to the Branson Airport TDD, and the money must be applied to pay off the bonds, not airport operations. Based on billings from Branson Airport for fiscal 2009, May through September, the maximum to be paid to the Airport is \$152,364, and the Board approved that amount. The original airport agreement in 2006 clearly stated that all payments are subject to appropriation by Aldermen, and that provision still stands. There are no funds appropriated for Branson Airport in the current 2010 budget, and any airport payments in future years must be approved by the Board through the appropriation process.

The supplemental agreement also provides a better auditing of passengers for whom the city pays \$8.24 under the agreement. Passenger records will be obtained bi-annually from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Approved sidewalk improvements downtown

Approved a bid from Brock's Concrete of Branson for improvements to sidewalks at six locations including the downtown area and a center city neighborhood. These include a sidewalk extension along Commercial Street north of the cemetery, better handicapped access at Commercial and Atlantic streets and a sidewalk replacement at Long and Second streets. The cost for the improvements is \$40,750.

City hooking up with the state in purchasing necessary items

Cities can get better and lower bids on supplies by utilizing the state's bidding process. Combining the purchasing power of the state along with many cities and counties, companies are able to supply the materials at a very low cost. This bill accepts the proposal of Good Year Tire and Rubber Company for providing all tires for the city's fleet of vehicles. The local distributor is Kimberling City Tire. The annual cost is expected to be \$10,000.

Local, semi-retired attorney hired as fill-in municipal judge

Aldermen hired Willard Dillow as a special municipal judge to serve in the absence or disqualification of the current municipal judge. Dillow, who has 42 years of law experience, retired from full-time practice five years ago and served as the municipal judge for Rockaway Beach. He will be paid \$80 an hour with a maximum of \$650 per convened court session.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (Presentations and 1st Readings)

Street marking material

Aldermen approved on first reading a bid of \$44,632 for equipment to install both paint and thermoplastic pavement markings on city streets. Thermoplastic material has an extremely longer life than normal marking paint and should result in significant savings. The company awarded the contract is Ennis Paint of Ennis, Texas.

New water truck for fire department

The Board approved the purchase of a new water transport truck for the fire department. The cost is \$198,500, but 95% of the amount is coming from a federal grant.

Autumn Daze gets okay

A special event permit was approved for the annual Autumn Daze Arts and Crafts Show in downtown Branson scheduled for September 16-19. As part of the event, Commercial Street will be closed between Main and Atlantic for food and retail vendors and a street dance.