

# MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI  
April 23, 2019

## 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 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Akers called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Ted Martin gave the invocation.

## ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Westfall called roll: Mayor Akers presiding, Kevin McConnell, Brian Clonts, Bob Simmons, Bill Skains, Larry Milton and Rick Castillon.

## AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

### Employees of the Month

Alderman Skains presented Jacob Blanford and Tanner Muckenthaler of the Police Department as the April Employees of the Month in recognition for displaying City of Branson Values.

### Proclamations

Mayor Akers recognized April 2019 as Sexual Violence Awareness Month and April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in Branson, Missouri.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Akers began the Public Comments section of the Board of Aldermen meeting by stating the Board would hear citizens who signed the Speaker's Sheet in the order they are listed on the sheet.

Marshall Howden, 106 Rose Oneill Drive, Branson, Missouri, mentioned speaking at the last Board of Aldermen meeting about a proposal to form a music and theater commission. He commented his previous remarks pertained to the history of Branson's live music shows, advocating their political position and role, the counter productivity of splinter groups in the theater industry and public involvement on this vital aspect of Branson's future. He clarified if the Board sees fit to establish a music commission, it would have no bonds to his political efforts or personal aspirations. He explained his intent is to combine all the minds in the music industry together for once which is imperative and he mentioned being contacted by some of Branson's biggest stars who would like to be a part of this. Mr. Howden shared his vision of how entertainers and producers could serve on the commission and a recruiting director with ties to Nashville, New York or Las Vegas could attract stars to Branson. He mentioned speaking to someone interested in attracting high caliber entertainers to Branson and feels Branson must first address some of the taxing and ticketing issues. Mr. Howden believes this is why a commission is needed and if a commission existed, this entertainer could be part of a legislative subcommittee to lobby and address these issues. Most importantly,

Branson would have a unified plan and could then mobilize the idea of a recruiting liaison to attract Branson's future. However the marketing dollars will be allocated once the request for proposal is sent out will be a topic for another day, but if the entity remains the Chamber of Commerce, the commission would work with it, not against it. He doesn't envision any City dollars allotted to the music commission, but feels an official, regular voice is needed at City Hall. Mr. Howden shared his plans of travelling to Nashville tonight to meet with officials from the Music City Music Commission and he asked the Board to consider placing his proposal on an upcoming Board of Aldermen meeting agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Akers asked if there were any citizens who had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Akers 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 Board of Aldermen Minutes:

- a) April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting I
- b) April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting II

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Capital Improvement Committee meeting of February 8, 2019
- b) Advisory Park Board meeting of March 19, 2019

### **BILL NO. 5563**

**Ord. No. 2019-0053**

**Approving the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT) Memorandum of Understanding with the Branson Public Schools for Youth Alcohol Compliance.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 5563, an ordinance approving the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT) Memorandum of Understanding with the Branson Public Schools for Youth Alcohol Compliance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2019-0053 was duly enacted.

### **BILL NO. 5564**

**Ord. No. 2019-0054**

**Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Branson and Southwest Solid Waste Management District (Region N) for a District Grant.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 5564, an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Branson and Southwest Solid Waste Management District (Region N) for a District Grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2019-0054 was duly enacted.

Mayor Akers opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Castillon moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Clonts. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### BILL NO. 5565

**Approving the First Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement among the Historic Downtown Branson Community Improvement District, the Downtown Branson Betterment Association and the City of Branson, Missouri.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5565, an ordinance approving the First Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement among the Historic Downtown Branson Community Improvement District, the Downtown Branson Betterment Association and the City of Branson, Missouri and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and she presented a staff report. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5565. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons and Skains. Nays: Milton and Castillon. Motion carried.

### BILL NO. 5566 POSTPONED

**Accepting the proposal of JCI Industries, Inc. for purchase of three submersible mixers for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants.**

First Reading of Bill No. 5566, an ordinance accepting the proposal of JCI Industries, Inc. for purchase of three submersible mixers for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Utilities Director Mike Ray. Alderman Skains moved to postpone Bill No. 5566 to a date not to exceed June 25, 2019, seconded by Alderman Clonts. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the postponement. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Akers stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure. The appointments for Category 4 are as follows:

### **Category 4:**

#### **Budget and Finance Committee:**

Larry Milton, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

Bob Simmons, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

**Capital Improvement Committee:**

Brian Clonts, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

Bill Skains, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

**Human Resources Committee:**

Rick Castillon, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

Kevin McConnell, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2020.

**Chamber of Commerce Representative:**

Larry Milton, Appointment as the Chamber of Commerce Representative for the City with a term expiring April 2020.

**Taney County Economic Development Partnership Board:**

Bob Simmons, Appointment to the Taney County Partnership Board with a term expiring April 2020.

Mayor Akers said the Board will now vote on Category 5 appointments. Mayor Akers asked if any Aldermen would like for an appointment to be pulled off the slate to be voted on individually. Hearing none, Mayor Akers requested the following slate of appointments be made for Category 5.

**Category 5:**

**Advisory Park Board (Aldermen Rep):**

Bob Simmons, Appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring April 2020.

**Planning Commission (Aldermen Rep):**

Bill Skains, Appointment to the Planning Commission with a term expiring April 2020.

**M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport Board):**

Bill Skains, Appointment to the M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport Board with a term expiring April 2020.

Mayor Akers asked for a motion to approve the appointments as listed for Category 5. Alderman Milton so moved, seconded by Alderman Clonts. Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

Alderman Simmons mentioned his grandchildren from Florida visited Branson this weekend and they spent an afternoon at Lakeside Forest Wilderness Area. He said it had been a while since he'd been there and he felt it was a wonderful experience for his children and grandchildren. They had a great time and he saw several other people there and some who were taking wedding and graduation pictures. He feels the park is a wonderful resource for the community that people can enjoy, even those who don't like walking up and down the 315 rock steps.

Alderman Milton mentioned his nieces and nephews recently visited Branson and one of them made the comment to him that they had more fun in Branson than they've ever had at Disney World.

City Administrator Stan Dobbins thanked the community for the City's beautiful new fire truck and the Fire Department for doing an amazing job of ordering it. He commented he's been around fire trucks most of his life and feels it's the smoothest piece of equipment he's ever seen and will serve the community proud. He explained it was paid for with the Public Safety Sales Tax and he thanked the community for voting for it. He announced the dedication ceremony of the fire truck is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.


Mayor Akers reported the City's old ladder truck recently broke down and the timeliness of the new ladder truck is good to ensure the community is protected. He thanked everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting and mentioned the new Board is getting up to speed and he's working on gathering information to serve the City the best he can. He thanked the Board and City Staff for their service to the City and reminded everyone there's a Study Session on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

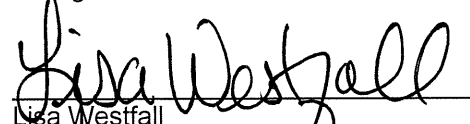
## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Best asked for a motion to go into closed executive session. Alderman Simmons moved to go into closed executive session pursuant to 610.021.2 RSMo for real estate, seconded by Alderman Skains. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## ADJOURN

Mayor Akers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Castillon moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Milton. Voting aye: McConnell, Clonts, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Castillon. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
Bob Simmons  
Acting President

  
Lisa Westfall  
City Clerk