

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI
December 8, 2020

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in regular session virtually via Zoom on December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Akers called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance," the Preamble of the Missouri Constitution and Ted Martin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Westfall called roll: Mayor Edd Akers presiding, Julia King, Jamie Whiteis, Bob Simmons, Bill Skains, Larry Milton and Jeff Seay.

Mayor Akers welcomed everyone to the virtual Board meeting and City Clerk Lisa Westfall provided an introduction. She stated this meeting is being held virtually due to the COVID-19 virus and the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control along with the State and City Emergency Proclamations that are in effect. We will review our procedures for conducting tonight's meeting. Participants in this meeting who will be joining the meeting virtually include members of the Board of Aldermen and City Staff. The microphones of all Board Members and Staff Members participating in the meeting should be muted at all times so as not to impede the ability of meeting participants and observers to hear the proceedings. Members of the Board or Staff who wish to speak will raise their hand and will be recognized by the Mayor. Every time a Board or Staff Member speaks, they will unmute their mic, state their name and title so that other participants and those listening to or observing the meeting will know who is speaking. Members of the public were invited to speak by signing up prior to tonight's meeting by using a link to a speaker sign up form for virtual meetings. Those who have signed up will be able to speak on the items they requested to speak on. Please note Public Comments will be limited to five minutes and discussion on all other agenda items will be three minutes, unless additional time is allowed by the Mayor. The speaker will be notified when there's 30 seconds remaining of their allotted speaking time. The voting procedure for tonight's meeting will be by a roll call vote on every action item before the Board. The City Clerk will call the name of each Board Member for their vote and will announce the results.

Mayor Akers asked City Clerk Lisa Westfall to announce what items speakers have signed up to speak on. City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated we have two speakers for Public Comment, and no other speakers tonight.

Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board regarding tonight's procedures. Discussion. Mayor Akers began the meeting.

AWARDS / RECOGNITION

Employee of the Month

Alderman Seay presented Summer Hankins of the Planning and Development Department as the December Employee of the Month in recognition for displaying City of Branson Values.

Proclamation

Mayor Akers proclaimed December 8, 2020 as Health Care and Front-Line Worker 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 up to speak virtually using the Speaker Sign Up Form for Virtual Meetings.

City Clerk Lisa Westfall announced the two speakers who signed up to speak did not show up for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Akers asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Milton requested Item Number 12 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Akers asked City Clerk Lisa Westfall to read the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. City Clerk Lisa Westfall read the following Consent Agenda items by title.

Approval of Board of Aldermen Minutes:

- a) November 19, 2020 Study Session
- b) November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Planning Commission Regular Meeting of November 3, 2020
- b) Budget and Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Joint Meeting of October 22, 2020

Acknowledge Receipt of Community Improvement Districts' (CID) 2021 Budgets:

- a) Branson Hills Infrastructure Facilities CID
- b) Branson Hills CID
- c) 76 Entertainment CID
- d) Historic Downtown Branson CID
- e) Forsythe Road CID
- f) Branson Commerce Park CID
- g) Fall Creek Valley CID

Acknowledge Receipt of Annexation Petition filed for:

- a) Property located at 287 Hunter Avenue, Branson, Missouri

BILL NO. 5926
Ord. No. 2020-0169

Accepting the terms of an Agreement between the City of Branson and the Tri-Lakes Biosolids Joint Municipal Utility Commission for Branson to provide contract operation of the Biosolids Dewatering and Drying Facilities.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5926, an ordinance accepting the terms of an Agreement between the City of Branson and the Tri-Lakes Biosolids Joint Municipal Utility Commission for Branson to provide contract operation of the Biosolids Dewatering and Drying Facilities and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0169 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5927
Ord. No. 2020-0170

Approving a contract with S & S Pumping, Inc. to accept holding tank and special waste for treatment at the Branson Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5927, an ordinance approving a contract with S & S Pumping, Inc. to accept holding tank and special waste for treatment at the Branson Wastewater Treatment Facilities and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0170 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5929
Ord. No. 2020-0171

Accepting the proposal of Branson Regional Arts Council pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5929, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Branson Regional Arts Council pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0171 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5930
Ord. No. 2020-0172

Accepting the proposal of Elevate Branson pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5930, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Elevate Branson pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0172 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5931
Ord. No. 2020-0173

Accepting the proposal of Faith Community Health Center, Inc. pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5931, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Faith Community Health Center, Inc. pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0173 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5932
Ord. No. 2020-0174

Accepting the proposal of Taneyhills Community Library pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5932, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Taneyhills Community Library pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0174 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5933
Ord. No. 2020-0175

Accepting the proposal of Women's Crisis Center of Taney County, Inc. pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5933, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Women's Crisis Center of Taney County, Inc. pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0175 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5935
Ord. No. 2020-0177

Accepting the proposal of Suddenlink pertaining to data communications.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5935, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Suddenlink pertaining to data communications and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0177 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5936
Ord. No. 2020-0178

Approving a contract with Thinkspace IT pertaining to the purchase of Microsoft Software Licensing.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5936, an ordinance approving a contract with Thinkspace IT pertaining to the purchase of Microsoft Software Licensing and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0178 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5937
Ord. No. 2020-0179

Accepting the proposal of Newman's Signs, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of signage supplies.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5937, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Newman's Signs, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of signage supplies and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0179 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5938
Ord. No. 2020-0180

Approving the second renewal of the services contract with Tradebe Environmental Services, LLC pertaining to the transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste material.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5938, an ordinance approving the second renewal of the services contract with Tradebe Environmental Services, LLC pertaining to the transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste material and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0180 was duly enacted.

Mayor Akers opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as amended. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

City Clerk Lisa Westfall announced one of the speakers who signed up for Public Comment joined the meeting.

Bruce Denison, 220 Malone, Branson, Missouri, explained he had a follow up question regarding the comments and materials he provided the Board at the November 24th meeting. He mentioned he hadn't heard back yet from any City employees about the petition he provided, but has corresponded with Alderman Milton via text message which he appreciates. He still has unanswered questions and mentioned receiving an email from Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel today, but was unable to give him a call because he was swamped with work this afternoon. Mr. Denison stated Mr. Hornickel informed him he had received a call from his attorney, but Mr. Denison clarified he doesn't have an attorney or retainer. Discussion.

BILL NO. 5934
Ord. No. 2020-0176

Approving the contract with the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & Convention and Visitors Bureau pertaining to tourism and marketing services.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5934, an ordinance approving the contract with the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & Convention and Visitors Bureau pertaining to tourism and marketing services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Discussion. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5934. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Alderman Milton moved to extend the City's existing CVB contract for 60 days to allow the CVB and Staff to make improvements to the contract. Motion died for lack of a second. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains and Seay. Nays: Milton. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0176 was duly enacted.

RESOLUTION NO.
2020-R030

Adopting the City of Branson's Legislative Agenda for the year 2021.

A Resolution adopting the City of Branson's Legislative Agenda for the year 2021 was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by City Attorney Chris Lebeck. Mayor Akers asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Skains moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Alderman Simmons made a motion to amend the 2021 Legislative Priorities by moving item number 6 from Minor Priorities and adding it as item number 3 under Major Priorities and change the word demand to encourage, seconded by Alderman

Skains. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the amendment. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Alderman Skains moved to have the 2021 Legislative Priorities amended by adding under Major Priorities, number 4 to read as follows: We support changes to Chapter 315 of the Missouri Revised Statutes to improve the health, safety and living conditions of permanent guests in lodging establishments. We support changes to state legislation that clarify the definition of permanent guest and the use of lodging establishments, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the amendment. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Mayor Akers called for a vote on the Resolution as amended. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-R030 was adopted. Discussion.

BILL NO. 5939

Approving the Engagement Letter with Cochran Head Vick & Co., P.C. pertaining to auditing services.

First Reading of Bill No. 5939, an ordinance approving the Engagement Letter with Cochran Head Vick & Co., P.C. pertaining to auditing services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5939. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5940

Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Taney County and the City of Branson for Mutual Aid and Police Services.

First Reading of Bill No. 5940, an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Taney County and the City of Branson for Mutual Aid and Police Services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Police Chief Jeff Matthews. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5940. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Akers stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure. Mayor Akers requested the following appointments be made for Category 5:

Category 5:

76 Entertainment Community Improvement District (CID) Board:

Steve Presley, Appointment to the 76 Entertainment CID Board replacing Jamie Whiteis with a term expiring March 2024

Gail Myer, Re-appointment to the 76 Entertainment CID Board replacing Jamie Whiteis with a term expiring March 2024

Jamie Whiteis, Appointment to the 76 Entertainment CID Board as a City of Branson Representative to fill the unexpired term of Joel Hornickel until March 2022.

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

DISBURSEMENTS

Mayor Akers stated the next item is the review of disbursements [(November 6, 2020 through November 24, 2020) See Master File for copies of disbursements] Mayor Akers asked if there were any questions regarding the disbursements. No discussion. Mayor Akers asked for a motion to acknowledge the receipt of disbursements from November 6, 2020, through November 24, 2020. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Seay. Mayor Akers asked for any comments. No discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman King thanked the IT Department and Staff for allowing the Board to be productive during the COVID-19 pandemic and for the meeting being held virtually. She appreciates their efforts and she wished everyone a safe holiday.

Alderman Whiteis thanked City Staff and IT Director Chad Forster and his staff for getting the virtual meeting setup and he wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

Alderman Simmons hopes everyone has a wonderful holiday season and Christmas. He stated it's been a tough year, everyone's responded as best as they could and he's looking forward to 2021.

Alderman Skains wished everyone a safe and merry Christmas, happy New Year and a lot of love to City employees and their families.

Alderman Milton wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Alderman Seay said it's a pleasure to live in Ward II around all the activity at the Branson Landing and he feels the electronic tree looks great. He mentioned watching the Adoration Parade from the square and thinks the adoration display on the hill looks wonderful. He reported the weather was good for the parade and he wished everyone happy holidays.

City Administrator Stan Dobbins said he's proud of the IT Department Staff and the entire Staff of the City of Branson for the way they've responded to this unique year. He added, they are great people and they've worked very hard. He told the Board God bless each of you and merry Christmas to you and your families. He commented he enjoys their interactions and they're a blessing to him.

Mayor Akers thanked City Staff and the Board of Aldermen for seeking to do their best to protect citizens, businesses and workers. He believes decisions have been made that have kept Branson open and earned the trust of its visitors to come and support its economy. He asked everyone to please continue to look to a brighter future as a community working together for the benefit of all. He feels this has been a year everyone's learned a lot from and people learn a lot from adversity. He added, there have been lots of issues and problems to deal with and he thanked the Board for sticking with it, seeking to do the right thing and trying to help citizens. Mayor Akers said he is looking forward to this coming year.

ADJOURN

Mayor Akers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



E. Edd Akers
Mayor



Lisa Westfall
City Clerk