

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI FEBRUARY 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Acting President Clay Cooper called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Acting President Clay Cooper stated Mayor Milton is attending tonight's meeting remotely. As Acting President, he will be presiding over the meeting but will also maintain his representation for Ward I and will be voting on tonight's matters.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Briand called roll. Present: Acting President Clay Cooper, Alderman Ralph LeBlanc, Alderman Marshall Howden, Mayor Larry Milton attended remotely, Alderman Ruth Denham, Alderman Cody Fenton. Absent: Alderman Chuck Rodriguez.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

- A. RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE CRAWFORD OF THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY, 2024 TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR KENDALL POWELL.

Utilities Director Kendall Powell presented the Employee of the Month.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- A. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 12TH THROUGH THE 18TH AS "RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WEEK" IN BRANSON PRESENTED BY MAYOR LARRY MILTON.

Alderman Howden presented the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Acting President Cooper began the Public Comments section of the Board of Aldermen meeting by stating the Board would hear citizens who signed up in the order they are listed.

Speakers:

Doug Clark discussed “World Economic Forum and local governments. Global shapers hub in Cape Girardeau.” He explained ways the World Economic Forum is influencing public policies in the United States and the State of Missouri through corporations, universities and grants.

Deanna Slatton discussed “City business.” She talked about Bill No. 6411 from the previous Board of Aldermen meeting and expressed concerns about the contract, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization’s (WHO) involvement with the City.

Glenn Schulz discussed “Elections.” He talked about the upcoming elections, discussed key dates, early and absentee voting requirements.

Gary Groman discussed “Study Session plus.” Commented on the Study Session as there wasn’t opportunity for public comment. He feels the issues discussed are critical and asked the Board for the opportunity for the Planning Commission to analyze the issues and provide a recommendation to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acting President Clay Cooper asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, the following items were read by title:

1. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 23, 2024 REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 29, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING AND JANUARY 30, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.
2. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6412 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-20 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RECORDS.

Ordinance No. 2024-0012 was duly enacted.

The floor was opened for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden. Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH NROUTE ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPEATERS AND ACCESSORIES IN PATROL CARS AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH NROUTE ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REPEATERS AND ACCESSORIES IN PATROL CARS AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R004 was adopted.

No discussion.

4. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH JAMES RIVER MECHANICAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A ROOF TOP HVAC UNIT AT THE RECPLEX FACILITY AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH JAMES RIVER MECHANICAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A ROOF TOP HVAC UNIT AT THE RECPLEX FACILITY AND ACTIONS RELATED THERETO. Alderman Denham so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R005 was adopted.

Discussion.

5. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6413 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER LIST, ON AN ON-CALL BASIS, FOR A TERM OF THREE-YEARS.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6413 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER LIST, ON AN ON-CALL BASIS, FOR A TERM OF THREE-YEARS. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Discussion.

6. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6414 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 86-621 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SCHEDULE 1 - STOP SIGNS.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6414 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 86-621 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SCHEDULE 1 - STOP SIGNS. Alderman Denham so moved, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Discussion.

7. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6415 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSOURI FIREFIGHTERS CRITICAL ILLNESS TRUST AND POOL, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION THEREIN.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6415 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSOURI FIREFIGHTERS CRITICAL ILLNESS TRUST AND POOL, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION THEREIN. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Alderman Howden moved to read Bill No. 6415 for its final reading due to timing, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc. Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6415 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSOURI FIREFIGHTERS CRITICAL ILLNESS TRUST AND POOL, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION THEREIN. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2024-0013 was duly enacted.

No discussion.

8. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH SENTINEL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR, CASCADE SYSTEM AND SCBA FILL STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH SENTINEL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR, CASCADE SYSTEM AND SCBA FILL STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman Howden so moved, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R006 was adopted.

No discussion.

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, STATING FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE MANDATORY REDEMPTION, WATERFALL, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN VARIOUS FUNDS.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, STATING FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE MANDATORY REDEMPTION, WATERFALL, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN VARIOUS FUNDS. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R007 was adopted.

No discussion.

10. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6416 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES FOR THE MANDATORY REDEMPTION, WATERFALL, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS, TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENSES IN VARIOUS FUNDS.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6416 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES FOR THE MANDATORY REDEMPTION, WATERFALL, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS, TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENSES IN VARIOUS FUNDS. Alderman Howden so moved, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Alderman Howden moved to read Bill No. 6416 for its final reading due to timing, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc. Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6416 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES FOR THE MANDATORY REDEMPTION, WATERFALL, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS, TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENSES IN VARIOUS FUNDS. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2024-0014 was duly enacted.

No discussion.

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, SETTING FORTH THE FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN VARIOUS FUNDS DUE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND UPDATED 2024 PROJECTIONS.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, SETTING FORTH THE FACTS AND REASONS FOR THE NECESSITY TO AMEND AND INCREASE THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN VARIOUS FUNDS DUE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND UPDATED 2024 PROJECTIONS. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R008 was adopted.

No discussion.

12. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6417 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO INCREASE THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN VARIOUS FUNDS DUE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND UPDATED 2024 PROJECTIONS.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6417 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO INCREASE THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN VARIOUS FUNDS DUE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND UPDATED 2024 PROJECTIONS. Alderman Denham so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Alderman Howden moved to read Bill No. 6417 for its final reading due to timing, seconded by Alderman Fenton. Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6417 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO INCREASE THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN VARIOUS FUNDS DUE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS AND UPDATED 2024 PROJECTIONS. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Fenton.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2024-0015 was duly enacted.

No discussion.

13. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOOD & ASSOCIATES, CPAS, P.C. FOR AUDITING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOOD & ASSOCIATES, CPAS, P.C. FOR AUDITING

SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2024-R009 was adopted.

Discussion.

REPORTS

Alderman LeBlanc talked about the Superbowl, the City's partnership with the Kansas City Chiefs and how kids in the community received Kansas City Chiefs hats. He felt it was really cool to see the pride these children had and he loves the collaboration at the City. He complimented Public Works Director and City Engineer Michael Woods' staff for quickly clearing the snow. He looks forward to 2024 as he believes it's going to be an amazing and interesting year.

Alderman Howden believes it was a fantastic decision to become the official vacation destination of the Kansas City Chiefs. He explained the deal is in place for five years and they're going to keep winning. He addressed naysayers in the community and commented on the importance of synergy of brands, thinking outside the box and being seen as a winner.

Alderman Denham thanked City Administrator Cathy Stepp, Chief of Staff Alex Girard, City Directors and Staff. She feels this is an amazing city and everyone is positive about everything that's taking place.

Alderman Fenton mentioned having several people reach out to him about the homeless population Downtown and he shared their concerns. He thinks the Board should be mindful of what visitors will see when they come to town.

Acting President Cooper announced the ribbon cutting for the new turf at the RecPlex is April 5th and he shared about all the activities that will occur at the ribbon cutting. He mentioned attending an event in Dallas, Texas, along with several other local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to promote Branson.

City Administrator Cathy Stepp congratulated Kirk Elmquist, Executive Director of the Tourism Community Enhancement District (TCED), for being enthusiastic and allowing the City to partner with his organization and for the Kansas City Chiefs partnership. She mentioned attending a Hollister Chamber event and she shared how the City is connecting more with its regional partners to address issues like homelessness with a more regional approach. She mentioned sending an update to the Board with the many things being worked on at City Hall. She reminded the Board of an upcoming meeting on February 29th regarding economic development and discussed with the Board methods of getting feedback from constituents.

Mayor Milton discussed the homeless issue Downtown and thinks it needs to be addressed. He feels all the projects the City's doing are admirable.

ADJOURN

The floor was opened for a motion to adjourn. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: LeBlanc, Howden, Cooper, Denham, Fenton. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Larry D. Milton
Mayor

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City Clerk