

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 8, 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 October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Milton called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

An invocation was provided by Police Chief Eric Schmitt.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Briand called roll. Present: Mayor Milton, Alderman Ruth Denham, Alderman Clay Cooper, Alderman Marshall Howden, Alderman Ralph LeBlanc, Alderman Glenn Schulz via Zoom. Absent: Alderman Artie Lucas.

Mayor Milton requested a moment of silence for the lives that have been lost and those still missing due to the recent hurricane Helene.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

- A. RECOGNIZING MICHAEL CHANEY OF THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER, 2024 TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR KENDALL POWELL.

Utilities Director Kendall Powell presented the Employee of the Month.

Fire Chief Ted Martin provided an introduction to Fire Department employee Jason Gagnepain being honored as the Hometown Hero during the October 7th Kansas City Chiefs game.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Milton 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:

Bobbie Wydeen discussed “Thanks to Parks & Rec.” She gave a shout out to Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook for being easy to work with during a recent event her church held at Liberty Plaza. She thanked

the City firefighters who visited her head start center and shared the kids were excited and loved the fire truck.

Mona Miller discussed “Storm relief.” She announced she will be having a storm relief meeting tomorrow and shared about her efforts collecting supplies to go to recent hurricane victims and those who will be affected by Hurricane Milton. She asked citizens of Branson for help with providing housing and various things to help the affected communities.

Deanna Slatton discussed “Health.” She talked about concerns with 5G and inquired about letters of intent she previously submitted to the City Attorney. She expressed concerns with organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO) and World Economic Forum (WEF) infiltrating the United States government and their ties with Israel.

Alex Williams discussed “Pro-active government.” He explained he leads a committee at the Chamber of Commerce called The Proactive Government Committee and he shared about it and those serving on the committee. He’s encouraged because people take the meetings seriously and are willing to move forward. He shared about the collaboration among the organizations involved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Milton 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 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 STUDY SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MONTHLY CONTRACT REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2024.
3. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6487 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN, INC. FOR MAINTAINING THE BEAUTY OF THE BRANSON VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

Ordinance No. 2024-0085 was duly enacted.

4. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6489 AN ORDINANCE FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT CHAPTER 94 CHANGING THE TERM NIGHTLY RENTAL TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL.

Ordinance No. 2024-0086 was duly enacted.

5. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6490 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 18 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS REGARDING SECTIONS 18-27 SUBSECTIONS 903 AND 907 PERTAINING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRINKLER AND ALARM SYSTEMS; IN CHAPTER 42 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION REGARDING SECTION 42-55, SUBSECTIONS 903 AND 907 PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE TO REMOVE THE PARKING MAP REQUIREMENT; AND IN CHAPTER 90 – UTILITIES

REGARDING SECTION 90-81 PERTAINING TO SYSTEM CONNECTION CHARGES TO CHANGE THE TERM NIGHTLY TO SHORT-TERM.

Ordinance No. 2024-0087 was duly enacted.

6. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6491 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND ADD FIRE INSPECTION FEE TO APPENDIX A.

Ordinance No. 2024-0088 was duly enacted.

7. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6492 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REVISED QUIT CLAIM DEED WITH THE REVISED LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE DONATION OF LAND AND LIFT STATION TO THE CITY OF BRANSON FROM POINTE ROYALE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ordinance No. 2024-0089 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: Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. PRESENTATION BY TIMOTHY HAYGOOD ON COOPERATIVE MARKETING DOLLARS FROM THE CHAMBER/CVB.

A presentation was provided by Timothy Haygood.

Speakers:

State Representative Brian Seitz inquired how the tourism tax is collected and feels this is a marvelous idea. He's the Chair of the Tourism Committee at the state level and he suggested presenting this statewide. He mentioned possibly having a Branson day at the capital where Branson entertainers could present.

Pamela Yancey, President and CEO of the Branson Chamber of Commerce and CVB, thanked Timothy Haygood for all his work and she appreciates the shows working together. She shared her thoughts on the system and feels it's an on-going investment that will help secure the future of Branson's beloved shows.

Discussion.

9. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6488 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SALES OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
(This item was postponed during the September 24, 2024 Regular Meeting)

The item was read by title. City Clerk Hillary Briand stated this bill was postponed during the September 24, 2024 meeting, it has had a motion and second for approval and is ready for additional discussion and a vote.

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

Discussion.

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6493 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT OF THE UTILITIES FEE SCHEDULE.

The item was read by title. Mayor Milton opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposing this matter.

Speaker:

Alex Williams shared about the idea of an equitable percentage between residential and commercial that was discussed a couple of years ago. He believes the City has one of the best systems in the United States and is competitively priced. He appreciates this, the City's cyber security, infrastructure and how it defends critical resources.

Mayor Milton closed the public hearing. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6493 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT OF THE UTILITIES FEE SCHEDULE. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

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

Discussion.

11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. Alderman Denham so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

Resolution No. 2024-R061 was adopted.

No discussion.

APPOINTMENTS:

12. APPOINTMENT TO THE BRANSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

City Clerk Hillary Briand stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure for Category 4, appointments made by the Mayor but not

approved by the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Milton announced his appointment.

Candace Cook, appointment to the Branson Housing Authority Board replacing John Jeschke with a term expiring October 2028.

REPORTS

Alderman Denham thanked the Police and Fire Departments and the City for its support of National Night Out. She thinks it's great to meet with the community and hear feedback and she thanked all who participated.

Alderman Cooper gave kudos to the Parks and Recreation Department. He mentioned driving past Stockstill Park last night and every pickleball court was packed. He feels it's very important for locals to have a place like this to go and he thinks it was a great idea to change from tennis courts to pickleball courts.

Alderman Howden announced the Branson Pirates are 6-0 and he congratulated Coach Hafner and the whole team.

Alderman LeBlanc said the hurricanes are weighing heavy on his heart and he asked everyone to pray for the people in these areas. He mentioned also seeing the pickleball courts full last night which he thinks is pretty cool and he thanked Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook, her Staff and Alderman Howden.

Mayor Milton mentioned attending the Terry Awards and he presented Velva Cort with an award. He attended National Night Out and welcomed veterans and the military reunion planners to the community. He mentioned presenting the Crisis Center with a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He was interviewed by a high school student producing a news publication and he also filmed commercials for Veterans Homecoming Week. He explained there's a link on the City's website with Veterans Homecoming Week activities. He encouraged everyone to continue to pray for the hurricane victims.

ADJOURN

The floor was opened for a motion to adjourn. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham. Voting aye: Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Larry D. Milton
Mayor

Hillary Briand
City Clerk