

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI MAY 10, 2022

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 May 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Milton called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Westfall called roll. Present: Mayor Milton, Alderman Cody Fenton, Alderman Ruth Denham, Alderman Clay Cooper, Alderman Chuck Rodriguez, Alderman Marshall Howden, Alderman Ralph LeBlanc. Absent: none.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

- A. RECOGNIZING KEVIN JACOBS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AS THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY, 2022 TO BE PRESENTED BY ALDERMAN CODY FENTON.

Alderman Fenton presented the Employee of the Month.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- A. PROCLAIMING MAY 10, 2022 AS TRANSFORMATION DAY IN BRANSON, MISSOURI.

**May 10, 2022 – This Proclamation was added to the agenda.

Mayor Milton presented the proclamation.

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.

Speaker:

Bobbie Wydeen, Branson, Missouri, discussed issues with Bird Road and asked if the City could partner with the County to fix it. She explained people frequently walk on Bird Road and she expressed concerns about them getting killed. She mentioned a tree branch fell on top of her car while driving on Bird Road she clarified she lives inside City limits.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Milton 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 Milton asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Howden requested Item Number 7 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as the first item on the Regular Agenda. The following items were read by title:

1. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 21, 2022 STUDY SESSION, APRIL 22, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AND APRIL 26, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.
2. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6144 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-77 OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO METHOD OF VOTING; ABSTENTIONS.

Ordinance No. 2022-0029 was duly enacted.

3. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6145 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES IN THE 76CID FUND, TOURISM FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE LIGHTING INSTALLATION IN SEGMENT 3 OF WEST 76 COUNTRY BOULEVARD.

Ordinance No. 2022-0030 was duly enacted.

4. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6146 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF BILL'S ELECTRIC, INC. FOR W. 76 COUNTRY BLVD. LIGHTING INSTALLATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Ordinance No. 2022-0031 was duly enacted.

5. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6148 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR SERVICES AND PRODUCTS FROM VERIZON WIRELESS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

Ordinance No. 2022-0032 was duly enacted.

6. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6149 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PD-98-005, KNOWN AS CEDAR JUNCTION GENERAL STORE, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4017 STATE HIGHWAY 376, BRANSON, MISSOURI.

Ordinance No. 2022-0033 was duly enacted.

7. FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6150 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RENAME PD-96-001, KNOWN AS EPPS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 JAMES F EPPS ROAD, BRANSON, MISSOURI.

**Amendments are being proposed for this item. A redlined version of the changes has been added as Staff Report Exhibit 9.

Bill No. 6150 has been removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as the first item on the Regular Agenda.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6150 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RENAME PD-96-001, KNOWN AS EPPS FAMILY

DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 JAMES F EPPS ROAD, BRANSON, MISSOURI. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham.

Alderman Cooper moved to amend Bill No. 6150 Exhibit B – Branson Vineyard & Villas PD as follows:

- 1) Page 4 – 1.01 PD Plan, the last sentence of the second paragraph to include “and the Board of Aldermen”
- 2) Page 6 – 1.06 Setbacks Cabins, Zero Lot Line Patio Homes to include “(Measured from masonry wall)” under Rear Yard 15’
- 3) Page 7 – 1.09 Buffers & Permanent Screening, the second paragraph to include after the first sentence “However, the buffer requirement on the east property line for parcel 5 is satisfied by construction a 6’ masonry wall 10’ east of the property line, which coincides with the west edge of the existing utility easement. The rear yard setback for parcel 5 is then measured from the masonry wall rather than the property line.”
- 4) Page 11 – Parcels 3 & 5 Residential Uses, the last bullet to strike “net” from acre, Parcels 7 Nightly Rental Cabins, the last bullet to strike “net” from acre, and Parcel 8 Multi-Unit Dwelling Uses the last bullet to strike “net” from acre.

Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez.

Vote on the amendment. Voting aye: Fenton, Denham, Cooper, Rodriguez, Howden, LeBlanc. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Vote on Bill No. 6150 as amended. Voting aye: Fenton, Denham, Cooper, Rodriguez, Howden, LeBlanc. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-0034 was duly enacted.

The floor was opened for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as amended.

Alderman Denham so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6151 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2200 STATE HIGHWAY 376, BRANSON, MISSOURI.

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. Hearing none, Mayor Milton closed the public hearing.

The floor was opened for a motion approving the FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6151 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2200 STATE HIGHWAY 376, BRANSON, MISSOURI. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham.

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

Discussion.

9. 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 Cooper so moved, seconded by Alderman Fenton.

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

Resolution No. 2022-R009 was adopted.

Discussion.

10. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6152 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH ARVEST BANK FOR PURCHASE CARD SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6152 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH ARVEST BANK FOR PURCHASE CARD SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

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

No discussion.

11. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6153 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL BANK OF BRANSON FOR BANKING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6153 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL BANK OF BRANSON FOR BANKING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

No discussion.

12. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6154 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CONNELL INSURANCE, INC. FOR BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6154 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CONNELL INSURANCE, INC. FOR BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Fenton.

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

No discussion.

13. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6155 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES IN THE PARKS FUND TO TRANSFER INTO THE PARKS INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TO BUILD UP FOR FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENSES.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6155 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES IN THE PARKS FUND TO TRANSFER INTO THE PARKS INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TO BUILD UP FOR FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENSES. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

Discussion.

14. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6156 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF HIS PATH, LLC FOR THE BRANSON HOUSING AUTHORITY PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Mayor Milton requested to amend tonight's agenda by removing Item. No. 14 from the agenda. The floor was opened for a motion to amend the agenda. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

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

Item No. 14 was removed from the Agenda.

15. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6157 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOEFER WELKER, LLC FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6157 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOEFER WELKER, LLC FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman Fenton so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

Alderman Fenton moved to read Bill No. 6157 for its final reading due to the need to move forward with the architecture firm, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez.

Speaker:

Daniel Meenen, Fall Creek Road, Branson, Missouri, asked for clarification on the total cost of \$3.5 million and the draft plan cost of \$300,000.

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

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6157 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOEFER WELKER, LLC FOR THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Fenton.

Speaker:

Dick Gass, Branson, Missouri, thanked the Board for the second reading as he's been working on this since former Fire Chief Carl Sparks' time and the City has had three Mayors since then. He appreciates it and thanked everyone who's helped with this. In order to get this issue on the ballot, he had to go to Jefferson City to walk the halls and get support from representatives who didn't want to vote on a tax. It's taken a long time and he's really looking forward to this as there's been a number of fires out near Point Royale due to the response time.

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

Ordinance No. 2022-0035 was duly enacted.

Discussion.

16. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6158 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF BRANSON REGARDING THE CITY'S PLANNED 2021 SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS - COUNTRY BLUFF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6158 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI AND THE CITY OF BRANSON REGARDING THE CITY'S PLANNED 2021 SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS - COUNTRY BLUFF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Fenton.

Speakers:

Cherry Webster, 118 Country Bluff Drive, Branson, Missouri, inquired why not let the contract expire at the end of the month. She mentioned her neighborhood adjoins this parcel, her neighbor's house abuts the creek and she represents another property owner who's been impacted from this development project. She discussed residents' concerns about funding a private developer, the 40 acre forest that was removed with a 10 acre permit and the developer's refusal to install a detention pond. Ms. Webster talked about the impact additional stormwater runoff has had on the Country Bluff Neighborhood and the developer circumventing storm drainage requirements due to postponements by the Board. She expressed opposition to benefiting a private developer, paying for utility extensions to the developer's property line and using taxpayer money to fund this private development. Ms. Webster reported it's been 27 months and there's still no project filed with the City for this parcel, no activity for water extension to the parcel, no pursuit of left turn lanes, no specific site plans or overall project plans. Instead, there are active measures to sell the subject parcel and she asked the Board to vote no. She suggested letting the contract expire and applying for sewer district funding for failing septic and sewer systems already in the City.

Daniel Meenen, Branson, Missouri, feels Ms. Webster brought up interesting points about the existing sewer line and he confirmed seeing two for sale signs on the property. He doesn't know if there are any future plans listed and if there aren't, the property could be marketed as a future development site. He inquired why Lift Station #4 was marked red on the map being displayed and feels the property has been talked about for a year or longer, so getting a permit from the Corps of Engineers should have been known

about longer than a few months ago. He expressed concerns about moving too fast instead of doing things progressively as these are things a developer should know they need to accomplish.

Dan Ruda, 110 Residence Lane, Branson, Missouri, explained the property isn't in his name and he's not the developer, but feels it's a good development. He discussed Branson's need for workforce housing and provided a history of the project. He talked about the project's approval 12 years ago and discussed the tree removal, water runoff, change in the project's location and push back received from the Country Bluff Neighborhood at public hearings. He mentioned the \$85,000 grant received from the County a year ago was believed to be enough at the time, but now is \$5,000 short and he's still working on trying to get the sewer. He reported on the County Commission's approval for widening Fall Creek Road this year and discussed the development agreement and potential changes in stormwater control systems. In addition, he talked about the importance of getting water and sewer for the development and the current requirement of building a retention dam for a 25-year event. Mr. Ruda addressed accusations over the last couple of years about receiving subsidies and kickbacks from the City and discussed all that his teams have built and developed which all takes risk. He expressed concerns about giving away land for larger retention facilities since land is expensive, but it's what they agreed to do. He mentioned the Development Agreement takes time and hasn't been done yet, but his team has made a commitment to do that and share it with the City. He explained he can't grow the trees back, but can build a nice development and start on the retention pond now to get it going.

Dolores Ghery, 141 Country Bluff Drive, Branson, Missouri, said when moving to the area, she was in affordable housing because she could make the house payment. She reported her side and back yards have been destroyed and when water comes through the ditch quite often, it comes up under her deck and has ruined all of that area. She doesn't understand why this workforce housing is happening since most of the people will not have vehicles, so they'll have to walk from that area and the road is long, wavy and doesn't have a shoulder. She explained she and her husband are 80 and 90 years old and each time it rains, rainwater comes into their crawlspace and her husband has to crawl under the house to make sure their pump is working. She expressed concerns over damage to her house and the home's value being half of what it was which isn't fair to people who have paid taxes in Branson. She doesn't understand how one person can cause so many problems by taking out all the trees and when there's just cement slabs it's going to be a mess. She clarified before this development there was water in the ditch, but not flooding.

Cherry Webster, 118 Country Bluff Drive, Branson, Missouri, explained the Country Bluff Neighborhood has continually asked for a buffer and basin; it hasn't said it didn't want Mr. Ruda to put anything on the property. She feels his woes are due to choosing not to apply for a 40 acre permit with the County and tearing down the trees using a 10 acre permit because the County would have required a different Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that would have included a 4,000 cubic yard sediment basin. She discussed the process and order in which these things are to be done and inquired about the basin and development agreement. She appreciates the current Board's efforts, understands the Board wants to get the sewer line over to the woodlands, but there are many other issues. Ms. Webster commented on the ground cover, tree removal, water runoff, continued flooding and voiced concerns about the developer. She discussed there are no permits, planning projects, site plans or sediment basin and she feels the developer didn't want to go through the proper steps or honor the 50 ft undisturbed vegetative buffer. She suggested a re-write and expansion of the City's code Section 94-34 and asked the Board to vote no on this. She expressed trust issues about the developer and mentioned Taney County's Road and Bridge Manager hadn't heard anything about Mr. Ruda's plans regarding building 200 homes or pursuing any left-turn lanes.

or water line extension. Ms. Webster inquired if the development agreement would have a construction date of the pond and discussed what would happen if the Board voted no and she asked the Board to step up to the problems the developer has created.

Kendall Combs, 2054 Hill Haven, Hollister, Missouri, said he's amazed that the detention basin, if anything, will fix the problems Country Bluff has. He commented he's pretty certain if the Board votes no, Country Bluff is still going to have a problem for several years and he asked the Board to think about it.

Voting aye: Fenton, Cooper. Nays: Denham, Rodriguez, Howden, LeBlanc. Motion Defeated.

Discussion.

Alderman Cooper left the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

17. FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6159 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN THE WATER SEWER FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SEWER MAIN EXTENSION FOR COUNTRY BLUFF.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6159 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRANSON TO ADJUST MONIES FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN THE WATER SEWER FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SEWER MAIN EXTENSION FOR COUNTRY BLUFF. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

No discussion.

APPOINTMENTS:

18. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY PARK BOARD.

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure for Category 1, appointments made by the Mayor with approval by the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Milton announced his slate of appointments to be voted on:

Appointments to the Advisory Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Marshall Howden until June 2024:

- Roger Hunzeker

Appointments to the Advisory Park Board with terms expiring June 2025:

- Scott McCaulley

- Donald DeHart

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated the Board will be voting on a slate of appointments. She asked if there were any Aldermen requesting an appointment be pulled from the slate to be voted on individually. Hearing none, the floor was opened for a motion approving the slate of appointments for Category 1 as presented. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham. Voting aye: Fenton, Denham, Cooper, Rodriguez, Howden, LeBlanc. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

19. APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure for Category 2, appointments made by the Governing Body. Since there were the same number of applicants as there were vacancies, the Board will be voting on the following applicants as a slate instead of by ballot.

Appointment to the Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mike Booth until December 2024:

- Charles Hillis

Appointment to the Industrial Development Authority with a term expiring December 2026:

- Richard Corby

Appointment to the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring April 2027:

- Doug Baker

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated the Board will be voting on a slate of appointments. She asked if there were any Aldermen requesting an appointment be pulled from the slate to be voted on individually. Hearing none, the floor was opened for a motion approving the slate of appointments for Category 2 as presented. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Denham. Voting aye: Fenton, Denham, Cooper, Rodriguez, Howden, LeBlanc. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

No discussion.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated the next item is appointments. Due to the way Section 2-28 – Administrative/supervisory committees of the Branson Municipal Code is written, there is not an established number of positions on the Finance Committee or Human Resources Committee. The Code states “the mayor and the board may appoint citizens to serve on each of the committees.” The Mayor and Board will need to determine the number of positions they would like to have on these committees. The Mayor is recommending 3 positions to be filled on the Finance Committee and 2 positions to be filled on the Human Resources Committee. The floor was opened for a motion.

Alderman Cooper moved to fill 3 positions on the Finance Committee and 2 positions on the Human Resources Committee, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

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

City Clerk Lisa Westfall stated this appointment process is in accordance with the Board and Committee Appointments Procedure for Category 3, appointments made by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor and Board will be voting on the following applicants and the 3 applicants receiving the most votes will be appointed to the Finance Committee and the 2 applicants receiving the most votes will be appointed to the Human Resources Committee with terms expiring April 2023. The floor is open for a motion to vote by ballot on the following applicants for the Finance Committee and Human Resources Committee. Alderman Rodriguez so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Finance Committee:

- Daniel Meenen
- Ed Young
- Jerry Buckley
- Scott Thirkell
- Michael Pinkley
- Betsy McConnell
- Jantzen Craine
- Rachael Corby
- Pamela Yancey

Human Resources Committee:

- Lane McConnell
- Moxie Black
- Jantzen Craine
- Kevin McConnell

City Clerk Lisa Westfall read the results of the ballot vote: Alderman Fenton voted for Jerry Buckley, Michael Pinkley and Pamela Yancey for the Finance Committee and Lane McConnell and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Alderman Denham voted for Daniel Meenen, Ed Young and Betsy McConnell for the Finance Committee and Moxie Black and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Alderman Cooper voted for Daniel Meenen, Betsy McConnell and Pamela Yancey for the Finance Committee and Lane McConnell and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Mayor Milton voted for Ed Young, Betsy McConnell and Pamela Yancey for the Finance Committee and Lane McConnell and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Alderman Rodriguez voted for Daniel Meenen, Ed Young and Betsy McConnell for the Finance Committee and Jantzen Craine and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Alderman Howden voted for Daniel Meenen, Betsy McConnell and Pamela Yancey for the Finance Committee and Lane McConnell and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee. Alderman LeBlanc voted for Daniel Meenen, Betsy McConnell and Pamela Yancey for the Finance Committee and Moxie Black and Kevin McConnell for the Human Resources Committee.

The result of the vote for the Finance Committee is Daniel Meenen – 5 votes, Ed Young – 3 votes, Jerry Buckley – 1 vote, Scott Thirkell – 0 votes, Michael Pinkley – 1 vote, Betsy McConnell – 6 votes, Jantzen Craine – 0 votes, Rachael Corby – 0 votes, Pamela Yancey – 5 votes.

The result of the vote for the Human Resources Committee is Lane McConnell – 4 votes, Moxie Black – 2 votes, Jantzen Craine – 1 vote, Kevin McConnell – 7 votes.

Daniel Meenen, Betsy McConnell and Pamela Yancey will be appointed to the Finance Committee. Lane McConnell and Kevin McConnell will be appointed to the Human Resources Committee.

REPORTS

Alderman Fenton attended the Employee Appreciation Luncheon and he appreciates everyone who attended and the opportunity to give back to City Staff.

Alderman Denham mentioned attending the Employee Appreciation Lunch and thanked Staff for letting the Board be a part of it. She was invited to Open for Business today and felt it was a wonderful meeting in which there were wonderful suggestions and everyone left feeling like they were listened to. She explained the applicant was going to get spot zoning which she couldn't support, so she'll be working with them and other property owners to make changes which will hopefully be beneficial for all and she thanked Staff for including her.

Alderman Cooper commented on the death of Mickey Gilley which is a great loss nationwide and for Branson. He said he's known Mickey Gilley for three decades, done shows and recorded together and he will be missed. Alderman Cooper discussed an issue with shows and producers coming to town, going out of business and not paying people. He explained this recently happened and suggested requiring them to put up bonds and he requested this item be put on an upcoming Study Session for discussion.

Alderman Rodriguez commented there is a lot going on with the City and he suggested having two Study Sessions per month if other Aldermen were interested.

Alderman Howden discussed Alderman Cooper's suggestion about bonds and said he'd like to talk about all the different ways to possibly address it. He commented on the death of Mickey Gilley and feels the community lost a very special individual and in some ways the last of a generation. He came to Branson around the time of its boom and stayed here even after many others left. He announced Mickey Gilley Day is on December 2nd and he asked for him to be honored that day and his legacy never be forgotten in Branson.

Alderman LeBlanc mentioned he was born in Pasadena, Texas, and lived there when *Urban Cowboy* was filmed. As a child, he remembers looking out his bedroom window seeing John Travolta and Mickey Gilley filming the movie which was awe inspiring. He said he appreciates Mickey Gilley's voice and music. Alderman LeBlanc discussed the importance of compassion and passion as they're what gives people the courage to stand for things and he believes compassion will allow for healing in the community. He's heard a lot of optimism from the community, thinks employees in Branson are feeling a new level of appreciation and he encouraged the Mayor, Board and City Administration to move forward with the spirit of enthusiasm.

Mayor Milton agreed with Alderman LeBlanc's comments and said he enjoyed serving employees at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon and he's proud of all the employees at the City. His goal is to talk to all of them and he appreciates the support of everyone rallying behind each other. He believes there are brighter days ahead and the Board is getting a lot of support from the community.

Acting City Administrator Lisa Westfall thanked the Board for serving employees at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon and thanked the employee Special Events Committee for their work. She reported all utility lines in Phase I along 76 Country Boulevard are now underground and the utility poles will be coming down in the near future. This took a lot of work, is a great success and beautification for the City. She mentioned at the May 19th Study Session there will be discussion from Human Resources Director Jan Fischer regarding the process on filling senior leadership roles and how the Board would like to proceed. She discussed Alderman Rodriguez's

suggestion of two Study Sessions a month and requested feedback on the Board's availability for Board and Committee meetings.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Larry D. Milton
Mayor

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk