

MINUTES

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI
January 9, 2018**

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on January 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Best called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Jamie Rouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Westfall called roll: Mayor Best presiding, Bob Simmons, Rick Castillon, Betsy Seay, Kevin McConnell, Mike Booth and Cris Bohinc.

Also present from the City were: City Administrator Stan Dobbins, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, City Attorney William Duston, Public Works Director and City Engineer David Miller, IT Director Chad Forster, Finance Director Jamie Rouch, Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook, Utilities Director Mike Ray, Human Resources Director Jan Fischer, Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel and Fire Chief Ted Martin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no speakers this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Best asked if there were any citizens that had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Best 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) December 7, 2017 Study Session
- b) December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
- c) December 18, 2017 Special Meeting

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Capital Improvement Committee meeting of November 13, 2017
- b) Human Resources Committee meeting of November 13, 2017

Mayor Best opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Castillon moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Booth. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Update on Employee Health Insurance regarding status of contract negotiations between Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Cox Health Network.

An update on Employee Health Insurance regarding status of contract negotiations between Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Cox Health Network was provided by Jan Fischer. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R001

Approving the City of Branson's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

A Resolution approving the City of Branson's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Booth moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Best called for a vote on the Resolution. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2018-R001 was adopted.

BILL NO. 5292

Approving the renewal of the contract Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., for Auditing Services for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5292, an ordinance approving the renewal of the contract Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C., for Auditing Services for the City of Branson was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was provided by Jamie Rouch. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5292. Alderman Bohinc so moved, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5293

Approving a contract with Salvation Army pertaining to the provision of services to provide Temporary Public Assistance.

First Reading of Bill No. 5293, an ordinance approving a contract with Salvation Army 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 Westfall and a staff report was provided by Ted Martin. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5293. Alderman McConnell so moved, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor

Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5294

Approving amendments to the City of Branson's Human Resources Manual.

First Reading of Bill No. 5294, an ordinance approving amendments to the City of Branson's Human Resources Manual was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was provided by Jan Fischer. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5294. Alderman McConnell so moved, seconded by Alderman Castillon. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman Simmons mentioned attending the New Year's Eve party at the Owens Theatre which had a good turnout. He said he's very enthused the theatre is being saved as it's part of the Downtown's history and he feels there will be opportunities for various artistic things at the theatre that could be a real addition to the downtown. Alderman Simmons said he understands the City wouldn't receive sales taxes from that type of thing, but feels it would be worth it as maintaining history is part of the Community Plan. He commented he and his wife enjoyed the New Year's Eve party and he's happy to see this happening Downtown.

Alderman Castillon announced Benefit the Badge is scheduled for January 26th through January 28th. He reported the Police Department's dodge ball team won first place last year and he encouraged the Police and Fire Departments to have teams this year.

Alderman Booth stated he attended the M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport Board meeting today in which financials were discussed. He reported the airport's year-end financials showed a net income of \$8,598.52 which is great. He said it's nice when the County has a department that makes money and he reminded everyone of the airport's economic impact and said he feels it's a real asset to the community. Alderman Booth explained Branson helps sponsor the airport financially each year which he appreciates and he feels everyone should be very proud of the airport and realize all it does for the community. Alderman Booth mentioned attending the Taney County Partnership meeting today in which budget items were discussed. He reported the Partnership is preparing for the upcoming year and workforce development is one of its important items. He reminded everyone the Workforce Development Summit will be coming up soon and feels there's a lot of positive things happening.

Alderman Bohinc wished City Attorney Duston a happy birthday and expressed her appreciation for Captain Linda of the Salvation Army for doing a phenomenal job in the community.

City Administrator Dobbins reported construction on repaving the road into Tanger Outlets has started and it's been a very busy and productive week. He said he's looking forward to a very productive year and there are a lot of exciting things on the horizon.


Mayor Best reminded everyone Salute to Missouri Legislators is January 24th in Jefferson City and she asked anyone planning to attend to let her know as soon as possible. She mentioned attending the press release for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium as they were named number one attraction by USA Today. She commented once people get their fishing rods at Bass Pro and visit the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium, they should visit Taneycomo and Table Rock Lakes as they're the perfect places to fish.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

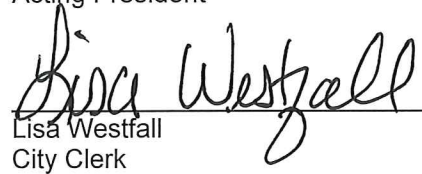
Mayor Best asked for a motion to go into closed executive session. Alderman Booth moved to go into closed executive session pursuant to 610.021.3 RSMo for personnel and 610.021.12 RSMo for negotiated contract, seconded by Alderman Castillon. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Best asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Bohinc moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Castillon. Voting aye: Simmons, Castillon, Seay, McConnell, Booth and Bohinc. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Mike Booth
Acting President



Lisa Westfall
City Clerk