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For the People

A City update from Branson Mayor, Larry Milton

June 4, 2021

This is the Mayor's 8 week report card, "For the People".

Promises Made, Promises Kept

An Ordinance repealing the Mask Mandate was the 1st Agenda item, during our 1st Board of Alderman meeting (April 13th) and passed with a 6-0 vote.

At our 2nd Board of Alderman meeting, an Ordinance prohibiting your Mayor/Alderman and City Directors/Employees from communicating directly with each other, without the presence of the City Administrator, was amended. With this amendment, your Mayor/Alderman may now communicate directly with Directors/Employees, without violating a City Code.

We held our first Town Hall meeting with the residents of Country Bluff Estates. This forum included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, 5 Department Directors and the City Attorney along with the residents of CBE. Included in this meeting was your Mayor and 2 Alderman. In one room we had open dialog for 3 ½ hours, addressed issues and made action plans that affect CBE.

At our 4th Board of Alderman meeting, there were several items "For the People".

I appointed Ambassadors (citizens) to assist me with fulfilling my campaign promises.

I am honored to appoint Cathy Stepp as the Mayor's Ambassador to address our Homeless, Extended Stay and Panhandling concerns in our community. Cathy will gather information in an attempt to bring as many facts as possible to the table. Cathy was the State Senator in Wisconsin and she received several Presidential appointments. Cathy will be a tremendous asset to our community. Together, we will collaborate with stakeholders to propose possible action steps that the City may assist with to curb these ever increasing challenges.

I appointed Betsy McConnell as the Mayor's Ambassador to provide transparency to the Branson residents that voted and approved the Public Safety Tax Fund in 2018. The voters were assured that there would be financial oversight of this fund and the City will deliver on that promise.

Finally, I appointed Marshall Howden as the Mayor's Ambassador to the Music and Show Industry. Marshall will visit with every music venue and theater in Branson, gather their input, concerns and suggestions that affect this vitally important industry.

I initially announced that these would be committees and they are not. They are individual caring citizens that have been appointed by the Mayor to gather facts and report back to the Mayor. The



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intent of these appointments is to make Branson a better place for all of us to live, work and play. In the last two weeks we had two more very productive Town Halls. I want to thank everyone for participating in these meetings to discuss their thoughts regarding our Animal Ordinance proposal. I cannot say enough about the effectiveness of the Town Hall format to help ensure the citizens remain engaged in the democratic process of municipal government. We look forward to the final animal ordinance town hall which will occur on June 9 at 6:00pm at our Branson Community Center.

Items of Interest for Upcoming Board Meeting include: a presentation by the Branson Academy for the Advancement of Music and Theater; update from Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce regarding Sports Marketing; and a presentation of the 1st quarter 2021 financials for the City of Branson. The full agenda can be found on the city website at <https://www.bransonmo.gov/830/Agendas-Minutes> . And as always, we hope to see you in the Council Chambers this Tuesday at 6:00.

For the People,
Mayor Larry Milton
City of Branson