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**Summary of April 11, 2017 Meeting of Branson Board of Aldermen**

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ALDERMEN**

City of Branson Mayor Karen Best recognized the service of Alderman Rick Todd serving the Branson Board of Aldermen since December 2009, announcing that a tree will be planted in his honor. Mayor Best also recognized the service of Alderwoman Kirsten Hart who served a position that was vacated in 2016 by former Alderman Patrick Parnell on the Branson Board of Aldermen, noting that a tree will be planted in her honor by the City of Branson.



City of Branson Mayor Karen Best  
Recognizes Service of Alderman Rick Todd



City of Branson Mayor Karen Best Recognizes  
Service of Alderwoman Kirsten Hart

In a departing statement after serving the City of Branson for 8 years, Rick Todd shared his sentiments regarding a long list of accomplishments related to economic development, customer service improvement, police and fire service and public safety, the renovation of Historic Downtown and Highway 76, and noted the greatest achievement being in the development and implementation of the Community Plan 2030 that was a demonstration of collaboration and teamwork throughout the City of Branson leadership and community stakeholders.

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## **OATHS OF OFFICE OF NEW ALDERMEN**

Incoming Aldermen were sworn in by Branson City Clerk Lisa Westfall beginning with City of Branson Mayor Karen Best, followed by Ward 1 Alderman Bob Simmons, Ward 2 Alderman Cris Bohinc, and Ward 3 Alderman Kevin McConnell.



Karen Best takes Oath of Office as Mayor of the City of Branson



Cris Bohinc takes Oath of Office as City of Branson Ward 2 Alderwoman



Bob Simmons takes Oath of Office as City of Branson Ward 1 Alderman



Kevin McConnell takes Oath of Office as City of Branson Ward 3 Alderman

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## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approved Board of Aldermen Minutes:**
  - a. March 23, 2017 Study Session
  - b. March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting
- 2. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:**
  - a. Budget & Finance Committee meeting of February 24, 2017
  - b. Tree Board meeting of March 1, 2017
  - c. Planning Commission meeting of March 7, 2017

**CONSENTS / FINAL READINGS:** The Board of Aldermen approved the final readings of the following:

1. Bill #5147 approving state requirements for Financial Interest Disclosure for Municipal Officials.
2. Bill #5148 approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement for property owned by Thomas and Martha Nottle located at 155 Warehouse Drive in Branson.
3. Bill #5149 approving an agreement with Missouri American Water Company for the purchase of water usage data.

4. Bill #5150 accepting the proposal of Bobcat of Springfield for the purchase of a new compact excavator for the Utilities Department.
5. Bill #5151 accepting the proposal of Globe Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. for the purchase of a new equipment trailer for the Utilities Department.
6. Bill #5152 accepting the proposal of Summit Truck Group for the purchase of a new tandem axle dump truck for the Utilities Department.
7. Bill #5153 adopting participants' tier levels and costs for 2017 Medical Insurance and participants' costs for Dental, Life, Vision and Supplemental Insurance Plans and the 2017 Employee Health and Wellness Plan.

**REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READINGS and PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The Board of Aldermen approved first readings of the following items:

1. **Street Vacation (Bill #5106) and Subdivision Replat (Bill #5107) for Stone Valley Estates:** This item was postponed during the February 14, 2017 Board of Aldermen Regular meeting and requests approval to allow the current owner of the development to develop 28 lots along Ridge Top Lane and Rockridge Road for single-family homes as envisioned within the planned development and original subdivision. To proceed with the continued development of this portion of the subdivision, the remainder of the subdivision will need to be combined into two separate parcels so the remaining public improvements can be delayed until a later date. In conjunction with this request, the City's Engineering Department has made a request to vacate those streets not within the area of this request to include Logan Drive, Chiefs Lane, and a portion of Stone Valley Circle (Bill #5106). A final Subdivision Plat for Stone Valley Estates (Bill #5107) also sought approval along with remaining public improvements for the development of the remaining subdivision.

#### **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

The results of the April 2017 municipal election were read by Branson City Clerk Lisa Westfall. For City of Branson Mayor, incumbent Karen Best was elected to another term as Mayor. Bob Simmons (unopposed) will serve another term as Ward 1 Alderman. Cris Bohinc was elected to serve as Ward 2 Alderwoman, and Kevin McConnell was elected to serve as Ward 3 Alderman.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ALDERMEN RICK TODD AND KIRSTEN HART**

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## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

### **ELECTION OF ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

Alderman Bob Simmons nominated Alderman Mike Booth to continue as acting president of the Board. Motion seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. City Clerk Westfall made it known that Alderman Mike Booth will serve as acting president of the Branson Board of Aldermen.

**REGULAR AGENDA – FIRST READINGS and PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The Board of Aldermen approved first readings of the following items:

1. **Grand Country Half Marathon:** Planning & Development Director Joel Hornickel requested a resolution approving a Special Event Permit Application for the Grand Country Half Marathon to be held Sunday, October 1, 2017 for its second year consisting of 13.1 miles throughout Branson, and a 3.1-mile 5K race. The proposed half marathon and 5K race will both begin at the front entrance of Bass Pro Shops at Branson Landing and then proceed north on Promenade Way. The routes will be published in conjunction with the event coordinators, and City of Branson Police Department will provide assistance with traffic and safety control for participants, residents and visitors during the event at an approximate cost of \$2,610.00 in overtime pay for the duration of the event. Approximately 500 participants are expected, with an expected economic impact that could offset these additional costs.
2. **Street Vacation for Portions of Berry Drive – Bill #5154:** Branson Mayor Karen Best abstained from vote due to potential conflict of interest with her real estate business. This item seeks to repeal Ordinance No. 2017-0012 and approve a street vacation for portions of Berry Drive. In February, the city granted a street vacation for portions of Berry Drive. Upon recording Ordinance 2017-0012, a typographical error in the legal description was discovered by the Taney County mapping department. The error does not change the square footage of the easement, only directional calls in the document.
3. **Police Department Communications Equipment Contract – Bill #5155:** Police Chief Stan Dobbins presented the staff report requesting approval of a contract renewal for leasing voted radio receiver site space. In 2015, the City of Branson entered into a five (5) year renewable lease contract with Communications Equipment Company, LLC (CECO) and installed a Voted Receiver Radio site off Elm Shade Drive in Branson to enhance Police/Fire radio communications in the area of MO-165 highway. This lease provides the City of Branson access to a secure building, a mast for an antenna and electrical service for a voted receiver site. The contract is renewable, with programmed annual increases totaling five years for the contract, at which time the contract will be renegotiated (2020). This contract is for the third year of the lease in an amount of \$3119.05 (5-year total of \$15,608.87), with recurring costs to be included in future budget requests.
4. **Branson School Resource Officers – Bill #5156:** Police Chief Stan Dobbins requested approval of a contract to provide two School Resource Officers, one for the Branson High School and one for the Branson Jr. High School for the 2017-2018 school year. As in past years, the School District agrees to reimburse the city for 75% of the gross salary and benefits packages associated with the positions at the conclusion of the school year. The district is requesting that this current agreement continue into the 2017/2018 school year. The Branson Police Department continues to be committed to partnering with the School District to address mutual concerns and development of the youth in our community.
5. **Purchase of Utilities Department Equipment – Bill #5157:** Utilities Director Mike Ray requested acceptance of a proposal for the purchase a 16-inch ball valve for the Meadows Water Treatment Plant. One bid was received in the amount of \$25,525.00 on February 14, 2017 for purchase of this valve used to protect the water distribution system from sudden high pressure surges by slowly opening when the connected 500-HP water plant pump starts and accelerates to full speed of operation. This function allows for a gradual increase in system pressure as water flows increase

from the distribution pump. This same valve also works in reverse to control system pressure when the water plant pump cycles down. The existing control valve has been in use since the Meadows Water Plant was placed in service in 1997 and has reached the limit of its expected use and reliability. Staff did obtain pricing to have the existing valve rebuilt; however, the rebuild cost was within \$23.00 of the cost of a new replacement valve.

6. **Intergovernmental Agreement with Taney County for Emergency Response Services – Bill #5158:** This bill requests approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement providing County vehicles and equipment at fires or related emergencies between the City of Branson and Taney County, Missouri. Taney County desires to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with fire agencies across the county for use of their vehicles and equipment at fires or other related emergencies. This agreement outlines Taney County's willingness to provide equipment at no cost during these emergencies. Request for use of equipment will be initiated through Taney County Emergency Management. Over the past years, Taney County has provided heavy equipment at large commercial fire scenes and dump trucks to haul dirt to assist our city with building up the earthen berm around Compton Wastewater Treatment plant during a flooding event along Lake Taneycomo.
7. **40-kW Generator for Branson Fire & Rescue – Bill #5159:** Branson Fire Chief Ted Martin presented a request to accept a proposal to purchase a 40 kilowatt generator from Central Power Systems and Services. The fire department applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant provided by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to fund "shovel ready" projects that they would otherwise not be able to afford or fund. This generator will provide emergency power for the City's Emergency Operations Center located at Fire Station 1 and is portable for use at alternative EOC locations or other sites where emergency power would be needed during a disaster incident. Central Power Systems & Services is the qualified vendor using the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) cooperative purchasing agreement to secure a price estimated at \$24,650.00.

## **ADJOURN**

Executive Session pursuant to 610.021.1 RSMo for litigation and 610.021.3 RSMo for personnel.

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Located in Southwest Missouri, the City of Branson is committed to its citizens and to those who visit here, to ensure a safe and environmentally sound community. We will work as a team to maintain and promote the growth of our City, and to provide professional, courteous service to all through fair and open communication. We look to tomorrow, remembering yesterday, dedicated to excellence today.