

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI
September 22, 2020

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on September 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Akers called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance," the Preamble of the Missouri Constitution and Jamie Rouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Westfall called roll: Mayor Akers presiding, Julia King, Jamie Whiteis, Bob Simmons, Bill Skains, Larry Milton and Jeff Seay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Akers made a statement regarding decorum and asked anyone speaking on an item that they keep their comments as succinct as there is a five minute time limit. On public discussion, once the Board starts its discussion, no additional comments will be taken from the audience unless an Alderman wishes to call someone back for clarification. Please speak into the microphone, state your name and address for the record.

Doug Clark, 121 A Saint Andrews Street, Branson, Missouri, said he's been researching vaccines and diseases since the 1970s and reported seeing a rather negative result of what's happening now. He explained what people are dealing with now is not uncommon in the medical community, because vaccines and viruses are created in labs. He mentioned viruses and vaccines have proprietary patents on them because they're sold to maintain a profit. Mr. Clark stated it's illegal for people to be doing that and is a conflict of interest at best, criminal activity at worst. Whistleblowers have tried to point this out and one can imagine what happened to them. He recalled there was a lady named Bernice Eddy who worked for Merck and was one of the virologists involved with the polio vaccine when it first came out. She was in charge of overseeing the injections into rabbits and mice and she noticed tumors growing all over these lab animals. At the time, they didn't have the facilities to examine exactly what happened, but she went to the board at Merck to explain that she didn't know what was happening, but she saw an explosion of cancer. Mr. Clark reported a lot of what she said was true, but they shoved her off into a corner and she never got another grant or anything to her advantage. This went on for quite a while and towards the 1970s people came up with the identification of the aids virus and then tried to blame it on the cause of aids. Dr. Anthony Fauci was heavily involved with this and was pushing azidothymidine (AZT), but a lady who was doing the research was trying to push interferon because it had a better way of working with the virus. Mr. Clark explained this was the start of her demise because she went against the protocols of Dr. Fauci. Later in 2009, she put out a paper that basically said all of the cancers and diseases exploding since the 1980s were the result of animal DNA in vaccines. They use mice, rabbits, cats, cows, minks and the vaccines have animal recombinant DNA intermingled with whatever else is in the vaccines, which causes problems. Not immediately, but over a period of time when a person's system gets older. He reported one chain in the DNA that oversees the immune system and puts out antibodies to make sure a person doesn't get a

disease, goes out of kilter in 20 to 30 years. Bernice Eddy and this other lady predicted there would be future onslaughts of various types of cancers like sarcomas and brain stem tumors and he pointed out the track record of the increases in diseases. This is due to a wholesale, free-for-all in the vaccine industry, because the major medical producers of vaccines got a liability exclusion in 1986, so they're not able to be sued and Dr. Fauci incorporated that. He asked the Board what they'd do if they could make as many vaccines as they wanted, not test them and then require everybody to take one. The only vaccines he remembers his kids taking in the 1980s were the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT) vaccines. Now there are 78 diseases kids take vaccines for and they're causing a lot of damage to people. A person has to look in the material records to see what's happening and he recommended a couple of books written by Judy Mikovits called *Plague* and *Plague of Corruption*. Mr. Clark explained she was fired from the position she had and in the books she lays out the corruption at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and how it's occurred throughout the years. She suggests getting some alternative information beside the CDC's for making decisions. He reported the vaccine currently being worked is not very good and will not do well for everybody.

Allona Morris, 3515 Arlene Drive, Branson, Missouri, said she'd like to read a poem she fell in love with and mentioned she used to spend her summers in Michigan going to a summer camp. She memorized this poem for a gentleman at the camp and she realized how powerful positive words were to people and she hopes it touches the Board as it did that gentleman. She stated it's by Elizabeth Barrett Browning and she read: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach, when feeling out of sight. For the ends of being and ideal grace. I love thee to the level of every day's most quiet need, by sun and candlelight. I love thee freely, as men strive for right. I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with the passion put to use in my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith. I love thee with a love I seemed to lose with my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death." She thanked the Board for allowing her to read the poem.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Akers asked if there were any citizens who had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Layne Richards requested Item Number 8 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda. Mayor Akers asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked City Clerk Lisa Westfall to read the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. City Clerk Lisa Westfall read the following Consent Agenda items by title.

Approval of Board of Aldermen Minutes:

- a) September 3, 2020 Special Study Session
- b) September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Advisory Park Board meeting of August 18, 2020

Acknowledge Receipt of Annexation Petition filed for:

- a) Property located at 121 Lenhart Lane, Branson, Missouri

BILL NO. 5856
Ord. No. 2020-0102

Approving an amendment to the contract with CDW Government, LLC pertaining to the purchase of computer hardware and software.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5856, an ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with CDW Government, LLC pertaining to the purchase of computer hardware and software and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0102 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5857
Ord. No. 2020-0103

Approving a services contract with Highway Safety Solutions pertaining to repair and replacement of guardrail in various locations.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5857, an ordinance approving a services contract with Highway Safety Solutions pertaining to repair and replacement of guardrail in various locations and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0103 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5858
Ord. No. 2020-0104

Approving an agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission for bridge deck repair on Route 65.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5858, an ordinance approving an agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission for bridge deck repair on Route 65 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0104 was duly enacted.

BILL NO. 5859
Ord. No. 2020-0105

Approving the contract with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC for the purchase of operational chemicals used in the City's water treatment processes.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5859, an ordinance approving the contract with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC for the purchase of operational chemicals used in the City's water treatment processes and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0105 was duly enacted.

Mayor Akers opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as amended. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman King. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

BILL NO. 5861
Ord. No. 2020-0106

Amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the General Fund and the Convention Center Fund.

Final Reading of Bill No. 5861, an ordinance amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the General Fund and the Convention Center Fund was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5861. Alderman Skains so moved,

seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter.

Layne Richards, 265 Buzz Street, Branson, Missouri, explained when she heard about the proposed transfer of funds two weeks ago, she was very much against it because she felt businesses in Branson had been hit hard by the pandemic. It seemed to her \$300,000 to keep the lights on was way too much money since she's a fiscally conservative person. She thought if the City was going to give out money there are a lot more businesses it could be given to besides the Branson Convention Center. One thing she's learned from being a political campaign manager is she can't make a decision without all the facts, so she met with Sam Voisin, General Manager of the Branson Convention Center, and its sales lead, both of whom were happy to explain to her the costs associated with operating the Convention Center. She mentioned it's still hosting events and it books events one to two years in advance, so it can't just shut down, which she didn't know. She explained people still have to be paid now so they can host events later next year and into 2022. She also asked them about the Convention Center's economic impact and mentioned thousands of visitors coming to town for events are going to contribute to the economy as they will spend money at other places such as shows, restaurants and shops. She expressed skepticism over numbers from original sources since people always tend to put out the most positive scenarios. Ms. Richards commented Mr. Voisin estimates over the next few months the Convention Center will generate \$15 million in economic impact for Branson. She added, even if it brings in half of that, it's still \$7 million to \$8 million, and the Convention Center is only asking for \$350,000. So instead of looking at this negatively, she looks at this as Branson investing in itself which should be done more often. She supports this transfer and believes it will benefit Branson over the next few months. She thanked the Board for its time.

Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2020-0106 was duly enacted.

Presentation on Christmas Lights.

A presentation on Christmas Lights was provided by Ann McDowell, Executive Director of the Branson Christmas Coalition and a staff report was provided by Public Works Director and City Engineer Keith Francis and Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion.

BILL NO. 5863

Approving the contract renewal with WCA Waste Corporation pertaining to trash removal for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5863, an ordinance approving the contract renewal with WCA Waste Corporation pertaining to trash removal for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5863. Alderman Milton so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5864

Approving the contract renewal with John Morris Equipment & Supply Company for furnishing and maintaining coin-operated laundry equipment in the Branson Lakeside RV Park.

First Reading of Bill No. 5864, an ordinance approving the contract renewal with John Morris Equipment & Supply Company for furnishing and maintaining coin-operated laundry equipment in the

Branson Lakeside RV Park and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was presented by Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5864. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Skains left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and returned at 6:56 p.m.

BILL NO. 5865

Approving the contract with Snellgrove Outdoor Services LLC pertaining to mowing and weed eating services.

First Reading of Bill No. 5865, an ordinance approving the contract with Snellgrove Outdoor Services LLC pertaining to mowing and weed eating services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5865. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5866

Approving the contract of Prolawn and Landscape pertaining to tree trimming for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5866, an ordinance approving the contract of Prolawn and Landscape pertaining to tree trimming for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5866. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Seay. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5867

Amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson to adjust monies for the Parks Internal Service Fund.

First Reading of Bill No. 5867, an ordinance amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson to adjust monies for the Parks Internal Service Fund was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5867. Alderman Whiteis so moved, seconded by Alderman King. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5868

Amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson to adjust monies for the Water Sewer Capital Fund.

First Reading of Bill No. 5868, an ordinance amending the adopted 2020 Budget for the City of Branson to adjust monies for the Water Sewer Capital Fund was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall

and a staff report was provided by Finance Director Jamie Rouch. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5868. Alderman Milton so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5869

Approving a reimbursement with Aldi Inc. pertaining to the installation of a Sewer Main Extension.

First Reading of Bill No. 5869, an ordinance approving a reimbursement with Aldi Inc. pertaining to the installation of a Sewer Main Extension and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Utilities Director Mike Ray. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5869. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5870

Approving the renewal of a contract with PDC Laboratories, Inc. for wastewater analysis for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

First Reading of Bill No. 5870, an ordinance approving the renewal of a contract with PDC Laboratories, Inc. for wastewater analysis for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Utilities Director Mike Ray. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5870. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5871

Approving the renewal of a contract with Central Power Systems & Services for generator and backup pump maintenance for the Utilities and Fire Departments.

First Reading of Bill No. 5871, an ordinance approving the renewal of a contract with Central Power Systems & Services for generator and backup pump maintenance for the Utilities and Fire Departments and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Utilities Director Mike Ray. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5871. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5872

Approving the third renewal of the services contract with Specialty Air Conditioning Services, Inc. pertaining to HVAC maintenance services for the City.

First Reading of Bill No. 5872, an ordinance approving the third renewal of the services contract with Specialty Air Conditioning Services, Inc. pertaining to HVAC maintenance services for the City and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Public Works Director and City Engineer Keith Francis. Mayor Akers asked for a motion

approving Bill No. 5872. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5873

Approving the second renewal of the services contract with Bill's Electric, Inc. pertaining to electrical maintenance services for the City.

First Reading of Bill No. 5873, an ordinance approving the second renewal of the services contract with Bill's Electric, Inc. pertaining to electrical maintenance services for the City and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Public Works Director and City Engineer Keith Francis. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5873. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5874

Approving the first renewal of the services contract with D.H. Pace Company, Inc. d/b/a Overhead Door Company of Springfield pertaining to overhead door maintenance services for the City of Branson facilities.

First Reading of Bill No. 5874, an ordinance approving the first renewal of the services contract with D.H. Pace Company, Inc. d/b/a Overhead Door Company of Springfield pertaining to overhead door maintenance services for the City of Branson facilities and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Public Works Director and City Engineer Keith Francis. Mayor Akers asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5874. Alderman Milton so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Akers asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Akers left the meeting at 7:26 p.m. He disclosed his conflict of interest pertaining to the next four items due to his son's involvement in the insurance business. Acting President Simmons presided over the meeting.

BILL NO. 5875

Approving the 2021 Medical Insurance Premiums from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5875, an ordinance approving the 2021 Medical Insurance Premiums from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Human Resources Director Jan Fischer. Acting President Simmons asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5875. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Acting President Simmons asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Acting President Simmons asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Absent: Akers. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5876

Approving the 2021 Life & AD&D Insurance Premiums from Anthem Life Insurance Company for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5876, an ordinance approving the 2021 Life & AD&D Insurance Premiums from Anthem Life Insurance Company for the City of Branson and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Human Resources Director Jan Fischer. Acting President Simmons asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5876. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Skains. Acting President Simmons asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Acting President Simmons asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Absent: Akers. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5877

Approving the 2021 Dental Insurance Premiums from Delta Dental of Missouri for the City of Branson.

First Reading of Bill No. 5877, an ordinance approving the 2021 Dental Insurance Premiums from Delta Dental of Missouri for the City of Branson was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Human Resources Director Jan Fischer. Acting President Simmons asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5877. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Seay. Mayor Akers asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Acting President Simmons asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Absent: Akers. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 5878

Approving the City of Branson's Employer and Employee Costs for the 2021 Medical, Dental and Life Insurance Coverages and the City's contributions to Employee Health Savings Accounts.

First Reading of Bill No. 5878, an ordinance approving the City of Branson's Employer and Employee Costs for the 2021 Medical, Dental and Life Insurance Coverages and the City's contributions to Employee Health Savings Accounts was read by title by City Clerk Lisa Westfall and a staff report was provided by Human Resources Director Jan Fischer. Acting President Simmons asked for a motion approving Bill No. 5878. Alderman King so moved, seconded by Alderman Milton. Acting President Simmons asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Acting President Simmons asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: None. Absent: Akers. Motion carried.

Mayor Akers returned to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Alderman Simmons mentioned attending a meeting yesterday in which he received questions on the entire process regarding the face mask ordinance. Some people are dissatisfied, not necessarily with the ordinance itself, but with the process and he tried to explain the process is the same as it's always been, but just a different situation due to the amount of people. He received a complaint that he'd like to own up to, which was he didn't reply to every email that came in. He explained he didn't reply unless the email had a question or something he felt needed to be answered. If they were just giving their opinion, he didn't answer them and he feels this was probably a mistake and should have tried answering all of the emails.

He hopes in the future there won't be an exact situation like that again, but it's one the Board hasn't dealt with before.

Alderman Skains welcomed Hobby Lobby to Branson and said he's glad to see them open and he looks forward to welcoming Aldi into the community. He wished his daughter a happy birthday and commented for those who've found it difficult to quarantine, mask or distance themselves, she's had to do it since she was 16 years old. She's now 32 and he feels it's not that difficult and is what people do to keep their friends and family alive.

Alderman Milton thanked City Staff for getting their annual renewal contracts done early in the year for next years' contracts. He expressed appreciation for this and not waiting until the last minute.

Alderman Seay announced the 47th Annual Autumn Daze Arts, Crafts & Music Festival was a success and mentioned receiving a lot of good comments regarding the re-opening of the recycling center.

Mayor Akers announced the recycling center will open tomorrow until it's ready for the County to take over its operation, equipment and everything at their site. He thanked Layne Richards for doing her homework and research which he wishes everyone who comes to speak to the Board would take the time to do. Mayor Akers commented it's been a difficult time for a lot of people and he thinks it's important to keep things in perspective. He explained he wears a face covering in public for three reasons; the first reason being humility. He doesn't know if he has COVID-19 and believes people can spread the disease even when they don't have symptoms. The second reason is out of kindness, because he doesn't know who might have a child battling cancer or may be caring for their elderly mom; while he might be fine, they might not. The third reason being, it's for the community. He wants the community to thrive, businesses to stay open, employees to stay healthy and he believes keeping a lid on COVID-19 helps everyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

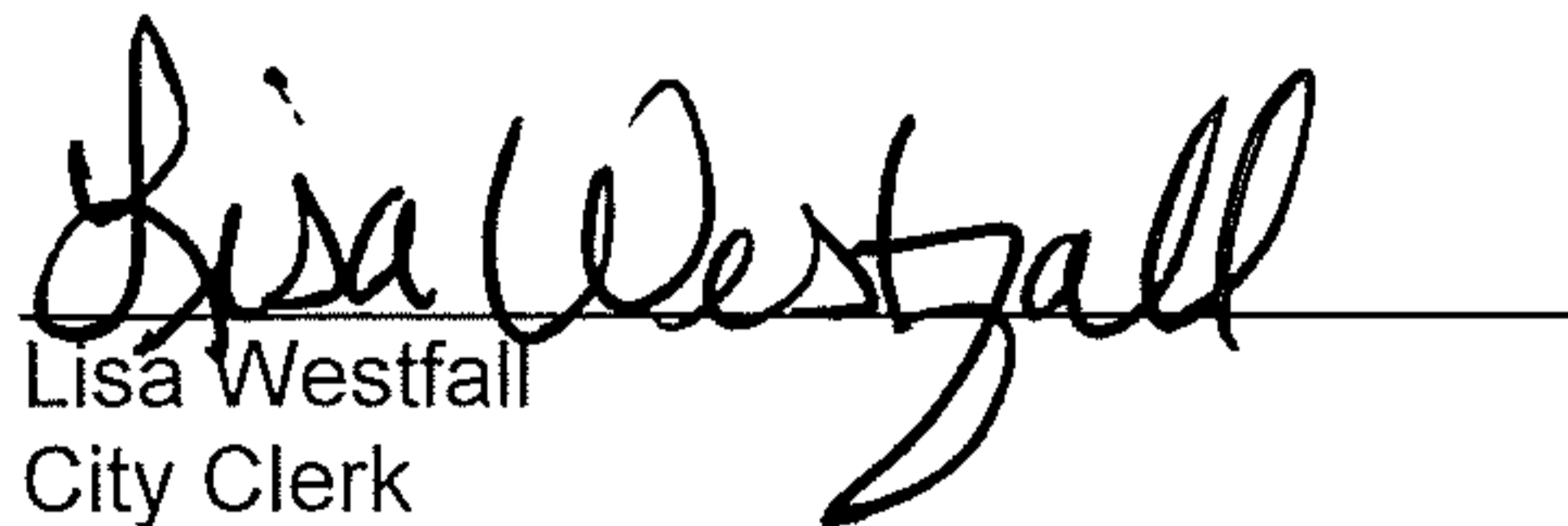
Mayor Akers asked for a motion to go into closed executive session. Alderman Simmons moved to go into closed executive session pursuant to 610.021.2 RSMo for real estate, seconded by Alderman Milton. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Akers asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Skains so moved, seconded by Alderman Whiteis. Voting aye: King, Whiteis, Simmons, Skains, Milton and Seay. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



E. Edd Akers
Mayor



Lisa Westfall
City Clerk