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### **Branson Recognizes Outgoing and Incoming Aldermen**

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Mayor Karen Best recognized the service of outgoing Alderman Mike Booth at the Branson Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday April 10, 2018 while welcoming new Aldermen, Bill Skains.

Mayor Best recognized Mike Booth's nine years of service and announced a tree will be planted in his honor. Mike Booth served on several committees and boards including the M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport Board, the Capital Improvement Committee, the Budget & Finance Committee, the Convention Center Management Review Committee, the Taney County Partnership, the Tax Increment Finance Commission, the Transportation Development District Board and the 76 Entertainment Community Improvement District Board.

"I have a great deal of pride in our community and still think the quality of life in Branson is wonderful. I have had the privilege to work with great Aldermen, Mayors, City Administrators and City Staff. These people never quit trying to improve on what we have in Branson. Although criticism by the non-informed can sometimes make you wonder why anyone would want to do this work, when you see your grandchildren playing in one of our many parks, knowing that your wife can safely travel anywhere in town, or hear how much fun the visitors are having in our community, it makes it all worthwhile. It was the people who encouraged me to do this job and I was very pleased to try to do my best. To all of those people, thank you. And a special thanks to my wife, Donna, and my son Kristofer for the years of support and the many hours of understanding," said Booth.

The City Clerk also swore in incoming Alderman, Bill Skains who will replace Booth as Alderman of Ward 1 and Alderman Betsy Seay and Rick Castillon who ran unopposed in the election.

Alderman Skains is a current State Workforce Chair with over 30 years' experience in the employment and training field. Bill has served the City in several different roles and committees since 1993. Alderman Skains hopes to bring attention to the continued efforts to develop Branson as a year round destination helping to enhance its economy.

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