

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025**

1. Ceremonial Matters.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-** led by Alderman Samantha Forbes.
- b. **Opening Prayer -** led by Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong.

2. Roll Call.

City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call with the following Board members shown as present: Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the meeting. City Clerk Beth Anne West noted a quorum was present and the meeting could be held. The following staff members were present at the meeting: City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, Building Inspector Trey Davis, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong.

3. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Crabtree at 6:21 p.m. at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619.

4. Mayor Report.

Mayor Mark Crabtree stated he and City Administrator Tim Vanhorn met with the new Springfield City Administrator David Cameron to discuss the Urban Service Area, who was not receptive in the meeting about changing the boundary without bartering for it at this point. Mr. Vanhorn noted Springfield has like 800 acres to develop, but to his point they have over a mile to get to sewer lines nearest us, so we may need to take a step back and look at the north side of Republic Road near Wilson Creek Area to develop since Springfield has a High Crime Rate and there are lots of single family properties out of the incorporated area of Springfield. Mr. Vanhorn stated that Mr. Cameron when at Republic was promoting a regional plan for development but now at Springfield not so much. Mayor Mark Crabtree noted they had met with Retail Strategies to approach business as a group to locate within a city, mostly rural communities to work with big brands, but it is costly.

5. Board of Aldermen Update.

None.

6. Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-e: September 23, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$55,286.33; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$238.90. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was taken,

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and the vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

7. Public Input.

None.

8. Unfinished Business.

None.

9. New Business.

a. Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve 2026 Meeting List.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the 2026 Meeting List as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

b. Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve 2026 Holiday List.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the 2026 Holiday List as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

c. Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Annual Recognition of Employees as noted in Budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt to approve the Approve Annual Recognition of Employees as noted in Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

d. Discussion of Marketing Plan.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated that Revel Marketing met in July 2025 to discuss options based on conversations about the logo, not something brand new wanted cannon and possibly option without cannon plus color options looked at better fonts currently have like 3 is too busy need to simplify.

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Mr. Vanhorn asked the Board to review and make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Discussion followed on the direction to take once decision is made so the marketing strategy and messaging strategies, so they are moving in the same direction.

10. Closed Session.

- a. **Discussion and Possible vote (s) concerning hiring, firing, and/or promoting of employee(s)/personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment per RSMo.610.021 (3) & (13).**

Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into executive session at 6:57 p.m. under RSMO. 610.021.(3) (13). A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into open session and adjourn immediately at 7:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated no vote was taken during executive session.

11. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to come out of executive session and immediately adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.



Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk

Reading and vote: *6 Ayes - Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. all Board members were present for the meeting. 10-21-2025*

Minutes approved:

October 21, 2025

