

**CITY OF BATTLEFIELD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023**

Item 1 Roll Call

Aldermen present were as follows: Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, Jim Clemmons, and Jerry Shupert were present at City Hall in Battlefield, MO. All Aldermen were present for the meeting. City Clerk Beth Anne West read the roll call and determined a quorum was present, so the meeting could proceed. *Mayor Debra Hickey was present for the meeting.* Staff present were, City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, Police Chief Chris McPhail, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 2 Call to order

Mayor Debra Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Located at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619.

Item 3 Ceremonial Matters

Police Chief Chris McPhail led the opening prayer. Alderman Mark Crabtree read the pledge of allegiance.

Item 4 Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mark Crabtree. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, Jim Clemmons, and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 5 Mayor Report

Mayor Debra Hickey noted she had been in hospital a month then visited family in Arizona.

- discussed phone call she received referencing a feral cat problem near Eagle Crest. Mayor Debra Hickey referenced past issues within City on Feral Cats and noted she would be adding material to the next Newsletter addressing this.
- Referenced a citizen's call noting non-calls returned by Board members. Alderman Zac Woods asked for clarification to this. Mayor Debra Hickey stated she backed the Board members who she knew to have called the specific citizen back.

Item 6 Board of Aldermen Report

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Alderman Jim Clemmons asked for clarification as to the reports of phone calls from citizens from the mayor-Mayor Debra Hickey replied since the last report she gave.

Item 7 Fire/Police Chief Report

Fire Chief Scott Moore stated it was busy time for the Fire District. Chief Moore reported they graduated 7 cadets from their academy and have 9 vacancies and will get set up for graduation. Chief Moore stated they approved their budget for 2023 as of January 1st. Chief Moore explained that Josh Duekewitz has been promoted to Battalion Chief. Chief Moore noted they had 2,300 calls for service, and they had changed the types of call responding to based on the Pandemic. Chief Moore reported before the pandemic the numbers were over 3,300 per year. Chief Moore stated he was consulting with the County Clerk's office to bring a measure to the City in form of an election in 2023, for an increase in property taxes and he would be willing to provide an overview at a future Board meeting if they Board would approve it. Chief Moore stated that if the increase passes their District would still be under the average in Greene County, MO. Chief Moore also noted they have board seats open for a 6-year term and a 2-year term. Chief Moore stated they will host a pumper dedication soon and are looking on purchasing a 2nd truck next year, but it will be over 1,000 hours to get it. Chief Moore stated they are still on the look out of property near Farm Road 137 and Farm Road 135 for about 2 acres to locate a new Fire Station.

Police Chief Chris McPhail stated they did not have high rates of crime or theft over the holiday season so that was a positive note. Police Chief McPhail provided a written report to the Board. Police Chief McPhail reported they would be holding a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on the 17th of January in the Community Room at the Fire District at 7 p.m. and they have already received a good response for this meeting.

Item 8 City Administrator Report

- City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated the issues with the Regional Lift Station is improving but they are still not back to 100% yet.
- Gave an update on employee who fell during ice/snow event in December who broke their leg requiring hospitalization.
- Hoping to have the report on the sewer system by the end of the month from the engineering firm .

Item 9 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

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Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Deaton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items: December 6, 2022, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; **Bills paid in the amount of \$299,993.83; Bills to approve in the amount of \$2,860.56; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$425.32;** Sewer Adjustments for November 2022 in the amount of \$38.57; Sewer Adjustments for December 2022 in the amount of \$TBA; Payroll reports; November 2022 Financial Statement; November 2022 Bank Reconciliations. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Jerry Shupert, Jim Clemmons, Rocky Compton Samantha Deaton, Zac Woods, and Mark Crabtree. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10 Public Input

Ashley Riecke-3534 Kendall St. Battlefield, MO 65619- Mrs. Riecke addressed the Board about the need for sidewalks from Cloverdale to Farm Road 131 and the possibility of taking the sidewalks all the way to Weaver Road from Farm Road 131. Mrs. Riecke noted that since the Springfield School System has reduced the number of children that have access to the bus system this has caused more kids to have to walk to school and there is the potential they will get hit by vehicles walking to or from School. City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn referenced the Sidewalk Inventory done in 2019 and gave a timeline on when more sidewalks could be added and the funding mechanisms available to the City to obtain funds to add sidewalks. City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated that new subdivisions include sidewalks in the building of the subdivision requirements and noted the city has 22 plus miles of sidewalks.

Item 11 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 12a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve change in pay for Current City Attorney Paul Link.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn explained the current City Attorney Paul Link was making \$135 per hour and that he had changed firms and the new firm required he charge \$200.00 per hour this communication occurred right before the end of the calendar year, so this was the first opportunity to discuss with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Alderman Zac Woods to approve the change in pay for Current City Attorney Paul Link from \$135 per hour to \$200 per hour to continue until the 21st of February 2023, or the second meeting in February 2023. Motion was

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seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, Jim Clemmons, and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 12b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve City Administrator to send out Request for Qualifications and Proposal for City Attorney/Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Battlefield.

Discussion followed on the need to send out an RFP since the last one completed was in 2017 per reference made by City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn. Motion was made by Alderman Zac Woods to approve City Administrator to send out Request for Qualifications and Proposal for City Attorney/Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Battlefield. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mark Crabtree. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Jerry Shupert, Jim Clemmons, Rocky Compton Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, and Mark Crabtree. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 12c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Holiday List for 2023

Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Deaton to approve Holiday List for 2023 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Zac Woods. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, Jim Clemmons, and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 12d Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Meeting List for 2023.

Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to Approve Meeting List for 2023 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Jerry Shupert, Jim Clemmons, Rocky Compton Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, and Mark Crabtree. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 12e Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve and Award Bid on Construction of Portable Pump and Regional Lift Station Improvements.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn noted there was a \$28 difference in the bids submitted for this improvement and that funds from the ARPA funds would be utilized. Mr. Vanhorn noted the base bid was \$250,000.00. Motion was made by Alderman Zac Woods to approve and Award Bid on Construction of Portable Pump and Regional Lift Station Improvements to McClanahan Construction Company, Inc.

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for a revised amount of \$247,500.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mark Crabtree. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, and Jim Clemmons. 0 Nays. and 1 Abstain-Jerry Shupert. (*Noted: he sells similar products for a living*). All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 13 Announcements

- January 2, 2023, Offices Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
 - January 3, 2023, City Offices Re-open to public at 8 a.m.
 - January 3, 2023, Board of Aldermen Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - January 9, 2023, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 - January 12, 2023, Advisory Park Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - January 16, 2023, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Offices closed all day
 - January 17, 2023, City Offices re-open to public at 8 a.m.
 - January 17, 2023, Board of Aldermen Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - January 19, 2023, Economic Development Commission Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
 - January 24, 2023, Municipal Court @ 2 p.m.
 - January 26, 2022, Greene County Mayor's Association Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (*Willard, MO to host*).
 - February 7, 2023, Board of Aldermen Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - February 9, 2023, Advisory Park Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - February 13, 2023, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 - February 16, 2023, Economic Development Commission Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
 - February 21, 2023, Board of Aldermen Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
 - February 21-22, 2023, Legislative Conference MML Jefferson City, MO
 - February 28, 2023, Municipal Court @ 2 p.m.
 - March 7, 2023, Board of Aldermen Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Alderman Jim Clemmons left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

Item 14 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Zac Woods to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was made, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Mark Crabtree, Zac Woods, Samantha Deaton, Rocky Compton, and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Alderman Jim Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

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Debra Hickey Mayor Debra Hickey and/or 1-17-2023 Date
President of the Board Rocky Compton

ATTEST:
Beth Anne West City Clerk Beth Anne West 1-17-2023 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: 6 Ayes - Mark Crabtree, Zach Woods, Samantha Denton, Rocky Compton, Jim Clemmons, and Jerry Shupert.
Minutes Approved: 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. 1-17-2023

January 17, 2023.

