

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Alderman Mike Jones.

Opening Prayer- Led by Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong.

Item 2 Roll Call

City Clerk Beth Anne West called the roll with the following Board of Aldermen members present including Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelly Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Jerry Shupert was absent for the meeting. City Clerk Beth Anne West determined there was a quorum so the meeting could proceed. The following staff members were present: City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, City Clerk Beth Anne West, Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong, and City Attorney Paul Link.

Item 3 Call to order Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Crabtree at Battlefield City Hall 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619, on June 18, 2024, at 6:31 p.m.

Item 4 City Administrator Report-City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn mentioned the software called Brightly, that is Asset Management software that should be in place by September and take about 90 days to implement. Mr. Vanhorn noted that within the next week they hope to have the Police Sign working as all the electricity is now in and the message board should be up and running as another tool to communicate with the public.

Item 5 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-h: June 4, 2024, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$26,025.14; Bills paid in the amount of \$15,361.38; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$925.03; Sewer Adjustments in the amount of \$96.17 for the month of May 2024; Payroll reports; May Bank Reconciliations 2024; May Financial Statements 2024. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelly Sr... 0 Nays. Alderman Jerry Shupert was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 6 Public Input

Tracey Brown-5126 S. Briarwood Crossing Ct. Battlefield, MO 65619-Referenced the petition and how it was processed in reference to the comprehensive plan specifically the results of the survey in relation to zoning of the property. Mrs. Brown was upset the process was not clear on how to obtain the petition correctly and felt the city did not do enough to educate them on how to submit it. Mrs. Brown mentioned Republic's and Springfield's along with

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other cities' petitions and showed them to the public and how detailed they were compared to the city's.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn noted that there would not be another vote because the vote was 4 Ayes 3 Nays and the Mayor broke the tie so the development will move forward and the Board felt it necessary to verify the signatures and have a valid legal document if we accept it and it was found to be invalid. City Attorney Paul Link explained section 89.060 (RSMO) State Statute and section 400.200 subsection I of the City Codes that explains the petition. Mr. Link noted this law has been in place for 64 years (Statute), and it has been argued in the court of appeals and still stands as a good law. Public Comment continued.

Jim Clemmons-4674 South Winsor Drive Battlefield, MO 65619- Mr. Clemmons stated since Jerry Shupert Resigned that he would like to see the Board select Dan Fox as the Ward I replacement. Mr. Clemmons felt the rezoning was handled poorly and did not know that the rezoning was approved at the last meeting and wants to know where the citizens go from here because they feel they are unheard. Mr. Clemmons reference there have been 3 city managers since he lived here and he new that only one lived here and he felt it was important for the city administrator to be invested in the community and stated that Tommy is a good man be he does not live here in Battlefield and does live in Strafford, MO, and based on the phone calls he had received it would be better if he lived here.

Derrol Hutton-6034 S. Willow Street, Battlefield, MO 65619-Made recommendation for selection for Ward I aldermen since Mr. Shupert resigned position stated Dan Fox should be chosen and or appointed to the position.

Leigh Steele-5125 S. Briarwood Crossing Court, Battlefield, MO 65619-Yeilded majority of her time to Mrs. Brown to speak since she went over in time. Mrs. Steele asked if the seven people represented the Board, mentioning the only way this type of thing gets through is by silencing the voices, meaning is it fair for seven to make the decision for so many.

Kevin Britt-5086 S. Briarwood Crossing Court, Battlefield, MO 65619-declined to speak when asked to come forward.

Item 7 Unfinished Business
Results of Certification of Rezoning Petition.

City Clerk Beth Anne West read that the rezoning petition was nullified due to the inadequacy of the signatures per reference to the State Statute 89.060 and section 400.200 subsection I.

Item 8a Discussion and Possible Vote to Accept Resignation of Alderman Ward I Jerry Shupert.

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to accept the resignation of Alderman Ward I Jerry Shupert. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

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Item 8b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-10 an Ordinance adopting an annual budget for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. (Second Reading and Final Passage).

City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-10 by title only for the second and final time. Alderman Mike Jones made motion to approve the seconding reading of Bill 24-10 by title only and to make it ordinance 24-10 by title only. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, and Tim Kelley Sr. 1 Nays-Rocky Compton. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-11 an Ordinance setting forth the duties, rate of pay and term of office of the City Clerk. (Second Reading and Final Passage)

City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-11 by title only for the second and final time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the seconding reading of Bill 24-11 by title only and to make it ordinance 24-11 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8d Discussion and Possible Vote to Accept Resignation of Phillip Shatzer from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion accept the resignation of Phillip Shatzer from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8e Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Mayor's Appointment of Shelly Willis to Advisory Park Board. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated he did attend the last Advisory Parks Board Meeting with Josh Spies and had met Mrs. Willis and was going to appoint her to the vacant position. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to appoint the mayor's appointment to the Advisory Park Board Shelly Willis for a term of 3 years. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9 Executive Session

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Alderman Samantha Forbes made motion go into executive session under RSMO.610.021. (1) Possible Litigation & RSMO.021. (3) (Hiring, Firing, disciplining, or promotion of employees/Personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applications for employment) & per, 610.021. (13) at 7:05 p.m. Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. Alderman Rocky Compton seconded motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Tim Kelly Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Mike Jones, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to go out of executive session into open session and adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Mayor Mark Crabtree stated no votes took place during executive session.

Item 10 Adjournment.

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Mike Jones, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Mark Crabtree Mayor Mark Crabtree

7/11/24 Date

ATTEST:

Beth Anne West City Clerk Beth Anne West

7-11-2024 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: 4 Ayes - Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Mike Jones was absent for the vote. 7-2-2024.
Minutes Approved: July 2, 2024.

