

City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Minutes
April 15, 2025

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Alderman Samatha Forbes
Opening Prayer led by Alderman Scott Campbell

Item 2 Roll Call

City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call with the following Board members present: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the meeting. City Clerk Beth Anne West deemed a quorum was present so the meeting could proceed. Staff Present were as follows: City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, Building Inspector Tristan Losh, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Police Sargent Brent Armstrong.

Item 3 Call to order

Mayor Mark Crabtree called a meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Battlefield City Hall, 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO 65619.

Item 4 City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated they were waiting on materials for the sewer improvements to be completed. They are trying to have all the parts so as not to impede traffic like the road closure on Elm Street recently for a prolonged period rather than to get the items installed quicker. Mr. Vanhorn stated that the CIP plan was presented for the first time to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mr. Hansen of CMT Engineering firm represented the gap in funding and the need to make plans for the revenue needed (6-10 million) for various projects planned over multiple years and how to close the gap on funding and what possible funding sources or opportunities might be available for the city to utilize and to present those options to the Board in the near future. Mr. Vanhorn noted he attended a full-blown exercise at the OEM in Greene County with the Chief of Police to see what would happen should an emergency event occur in the area and who would be the key players to get the municipalities and counties up and running after such an emergency. Mr. Vanhorn reported on the City Hall remodel which should have the sewer offices back to their original location by the end of the month should the new desk be received and assembled then the west entrance to City Hall can be reopened to the public. Mr. Vanhorn noted the install of new play equipment in the Park is done now if the weather will cooperate, they can put the pour in place under the equipment and the city can hold an official ribbon cutting to open the new park equipment to the public, which will take 4-5 days of dry weather. Mr. Vanhorn noted the City has an RFQ out for Engineering services and 7 firms submitted qualifications which will be reviewed by 4 Planning and Zoning Commission members who will score them

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and either interviews will be held or a review to get it narrowed to a final selection. Mr. Vanhorn noted that one of the submittals was not received by the deadline, so it was thrown out of the running. Mr. Vanhorn noted that two rezones would be coming to the Board in about a month. Mr. Vanhorn concluded his report with a message from the Park Advisory Committee about the seedling project to hand out seedlings from the Department of Conservation to citizens in Battlefield in May, possibly around the 12th if received by then.

Officer Recognition -Shannon Marler CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Represented Southwest Missouri at State Conference for State of Missouri. Police Sargent Brent Armstrong noted that Officer Marler was on duty tonight as part of a grant and could not attend but his nomination and representation for the State was appreciated by the Board.

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-g. **April 1, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills paid in the amount of \$15,921.97; Bills to approve in the amount of \$8,873.85; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$737.71; Sewer Adjustments in the amount of \$144.07 for February 2025; March 2025 Financial Statements; March 2025 Bank Reconciliations.** Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 6 Public Input

Nathan Westmoreland-(ADD address)the Chairman for the Advisory Park Board mentioned he would like to invite the Board and citizens to attend a meeting to be held here at City Hall for the Springfield Community Gardens committee that has three urban farms and were looking at how to start something like this in Battlefield and noted that the Park may need funding for the project.

Item 7 Unfinished Business
None.

Item 8 New Business

Item 8a Discussion and Possible Vote to Elect President of the Board. (Section 110.030 Municipal Code). Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to nominate Mrs. Samantha Forbes to retain her position as President of the Board for one year per section 110.030. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. No other discussion was held. Nominations ceased. The vote was 5 Ayes-

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

Item 8b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve to add President of the Board's name to all Bank Accounts and remove old President of the Board if necessary. No vote necessary since no change was made.

Item 8c Discussion and Possible Vote to Move May 20th, 2025, Board of Aldermen Regular Session Meeting to May 27, 2025.

Discussion followed and it was noted that City Clerk Beth Anne West would be out of town on the 20th of May to attend the IIMC event in St. Louis, MO. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to move the date from May 20th to May 27th, 2025, for the Regulars Session Meeting to be held. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A vote was held, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8d Discussion of Possible Budget Meeting Dates in May and June 2025.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated since the date was moved planned to make the 27th of May a budget meeting with another session on June 3rd, then the 17th and 24th of June could be first and second readings respectively to get the budget approved by the 30th of June. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to move forward with the dates discussed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was held, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8e Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #25-07, An Ordinance to Annex property owned by Dan Johnson and Associates, LLC, located at S. Lewis Street connected to 5505 S. Lewis Road also owned by Dan Johnson and Associates, LLC., into the City of Battlefield, Missouri.

City Administrator Tommy VanHorn noted that the property was to be purchased, and the new owner would clear the property of any debris or structures to prepare to build on. City Clerk Beth Anne West read bill #25-07 by title only for the first time. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve Bill #25-07 by title only for the first time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read bill #25-07 by title only for second and final time. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve Bill #25-07 by title only for the second and final time and make it Ordinance #25-07. Motion was seconded by

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

Item 9 Adjournment.

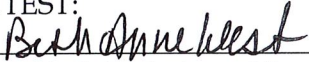
Before the adjournment Mayor Crabtree mentioned the untimely passing of former Board of Aldermen Member Zac Woods and to consider his family at this time. City Clerk Beth Anne West asked the Board if there was any possible addition to the Park for a memorial for Mr. Woods. Discussion followed with thought of Bench and Tree addition. The consensus was to authorize the City Administrator to investigate possible additions.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion approved.



Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk

Reading and vote: 5 Ayes - Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. 5-11-2025
Minutes approved: May 11, 2025

