

**City of Battlefield  
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes  
Regular Session Meeting  
September 3, 2024**

**Item 1 Ceremonial Matters**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Rocky Compton.  
Opening Prayer led by Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong.

**Item 2 Roll Call**

City Clerk Beth Anne West led roll call, and the following Board Members were present: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr., Alderman Matt McNitt was absent from the meeting. Beth Anne West determined there was a Quorum present and the meeting could proceed. Staff present were City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, Building Inspector Tristan Losh, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Police Lieutenant Brent Armstrong.

**Item 3 Call to order.**

Mayor Mark Crabtree called the meeting to order at City Hall Located at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619 on September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**Item 4 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda**

City Clerk Beth Anne West noted the August 27th meeting minutes (item 4b) were not ready to be approved at present and a typo was made on item 4a, it should read **August 20, 2024**, rather than the month of July as listed on the agenda. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the consent agenda including item a-e : July (**August**) 20, 2024, Board of Aldermen Public Hearing Minutes; August 27, 2024, Board of Aldermen Regular Session Meeting Minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$712.58; Bills paid in the amount of \$6,292.90; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$150.00. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded the motion. 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.

**Item 5 Presentation by Central Bank of the Ozarks Update on Investment Portfolio and Bank Accounts.**

Mrs. Heather Mcguigan AVP Business Development from Central Bank of the Ozarks stated she had met with the Board last September and wanted to give an update on the state of the bank accounts. Mrs. McGugian noted that the fleet cards were added for employees to use for vehicle, travel, and supply needs for the city and that the City had already earned over \$1,000, in revenue sharing for making this change from the basic credit cards the City had. Mrs. McGugian stated it allows the City more control over the financial activity on a better monitored basis rather than just having three cards to share. Mrs. McGugian noted the City has added positive pay to its accounts,

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which allows the city more protection against fraud on the many checks issued to keep the City running with its two largest accounts for sewer and the general fund. Mrs. McGugian stated she meets regularly with staff to make sure our needs are met and to offer advice on streamlining our various accounts to save money. Mr. Matthew Suarez VP and Portfolio Manager from Central Bank of the Ozarks went over the investment portfolio for the reserve funds the city must maintain. Mr. Suarez noted the City Administrator asked for a meeting to produce a way to invest the reserve funds for short term gains while providing access should the need arise to access the funds. Mr. Suarez noted the city had made roughly \$20 000.00 since last July and that he only invests the minimum of \$250,000 that is backed by the FDIC to protect the funds should major financial crises affect the banking industry. Mr. Suarez shared both pie charts and other diagrams to reflect the various investments and how they are tiered like a ladder for three-, six-, and 12-month periods then once they hit the end of the time cycle, they can be reinvested to make more money. Mr. Suarez referenced the trends of the federal interest rates and the projections for the future with respect to the investments mentioned.

**Item 6     Public Input**  
**None.**

**Item 7a   Discussion of Robert's Rules of Order-Parliamentary Procedures led by Mayor Crabtree.**

Mayor Mark Crabtree referenced the paperwork from the packet and mentioned the Board has become lax in their use of Robert's rules of order and he would like to encourage them to abide by the rules to help keep the meetings running smoothly to shorten the time frames for the meetings.

**Item 8a   Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Mayor's Appointment of Planning and Zoning Member Tim Friel.**

Mayor Mark Crabtree asked Mr. Friel to introduce himself to the Board. Mr. Friel stated he has lived in Battlefield since March of 2005 and wants to see the City grow with proper oversight along the way, so the City does not fall behind from a lack of planning or preparation for inevitable growth. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to affirm the Mayor's Appointment of Tim Friel to the Planning and Zoning Member for a 4-year term. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky

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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 Bill #24-19 an Ordinance Annexing Certain Property Owned by Doug Anderson, and Madeline Tate (Lone Pine Farms of Battlefield, LLC.), Approximately 9.06 Acres, Located at 4808 Elm Street Battlefield, Missouri of (Partially Undeveloped Land) into the City of Battlefield, Missouri.**

City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-19 by title only for the first time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve Bill #24-19 by title only for first time. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. 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 #24-19 by title only for the second and final time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve Bill #24-19 by title only for second and last time and to make it ordinance #24-19. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. A roll vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samanth Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 8c Discussion of Weaver Road and FF Update.**

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn gave a presentation on the current work being done to do engineering on this transportation issue for a busy intersection within the City by outlining the potential additions like sidewalks and widening of the road plus the potential for MODOT to make improvements to the intersection in the future and the urgency of getting the planning done so the City was ready if funds become available to MODOT sooner rather than later so the two entities may start the project at the same time. Mr. Vanhorn noted he realizes the City may have to move forward before MODOT is ready to extend contracts and bid the project so to be proactive this budget year he included the necessary funds to get an engineer involved to figure out what concerns like right of way acquisition, utility relocation and timing issues since this will affect the nearby school traffic plus all the citizens too. Mr. Vanhorn mentioned the funds available to the City via the Ozark Transportation Organization who holds funds for the City to utilize plus the possibility of seeking other funding opportunities since the project will cost over a million dollars. Mr. Vanhorn stated that there were more funds than normal left at OTO's discretion for the City since there had been a transition from one City Administrator to his arrival and the previous administrator had not started many new projects. Discussion followed

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when this project could start Mr. Vanhorn stated that specitively he thought around 2028, if not sooner.

**Item 9 Adjournment.**

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Alderman Samantha Forbes seconded motion. 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. Motion approved.

 Mayor-Mark Crabtree

10/1/24 Date

ATTEST:

 City Clerk Beth Anne West

10/1/24 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: *6 Ayes - Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. 10-1-2024. all Board members were present for the vote.*  
Minutes Approved: *October 1, 2024.*

