

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting
Tentative Agenda
August 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
At City Hall Located at
5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Rocky Compton.
Opening Prayer led by Police Chief Chris McPhail.

Item 2 Roll Call

The following aldermen were present for the meeting: Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell. City Clerk determined there was a quorum present upon completing roll call and noted the meeting could proceed. Staff present were City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, City Attorney Paul Link, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Police Chief Chris McPhail.

Item 3 Call to order.

Mayor Mark Crabtree brought meeting to order at 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO 65619 (*City Hall*), at 6:31 p.m.

Item 4 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to postpone item 7 a until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Tim Kelley Sr. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote Motion approved. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-h: July 16, 2024, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$850.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$200,725.32; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$1,531.89; Sewer Adjustments for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$172.13; Payroll Reports; July 2024 Financial Statements; July 2024 Bank Reconciliations. Motion was seconded by Tim Kelley Sr. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 5 Public Input

Deziree Marsh-4548 W. Cloverleaf Terrace, Battlefield, MO 65619, mentioned the mentality of the Board and the citizens, this First and second-class citizens them against us, the blurred lines. Mrs. Marsh who is a local business owner gave background on her prior service to the City mentioning that she served on both the EDC and as the Advisory Park Board Chairman and involved with the NNO, in the past and she had asked to redress some grievances per her first amendment rights as

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a U. S. citizen and she had with the Board of Aldermen yet to receive an official response. Mrs. Marsh noted she was a write-in candidate for Ward I in the recent election (*April 2024*) and received 20 votes while noting that Dan Fox and Ron Yancey had also expressed interest in serving in Ward I but apparently, we were not chosen, and she was interested in the questions that were ask of the other candidates and these appointments were changing the lives of citizens in Battlefield. Mrs. Marsh mentioned the recent appointment of Alderman Mike Jones, who was pre-selected and then left shortly thereafter, so she asked the Board had that had worked out for them. Mrs. Marsh felt she had not been considered properly as were the other candidates to be affirmed for the Ward I appointment. Mrs. Marsh stated was not it important for the Board to follow the section about appointments 115.110 on how vacancies filled which referenced the need to have a special meeting to complete the appointments and handed out copies to the Board to review at the meeting. Mrs. Marsh stated, "Don't let the past be the dictator of the future to the audience." Mrs. Marsh stated she has rights as a citizen, and she feels there has been enough of this political nonsense and there should be an inquiry as to the questions asked of the potential candidates for both Ward I and Ward I positions by the Mayor. Mrs. Marsh again stated for the record she is exercising her petition to address grievances with the Board of Aldermen under her first amendment rights as a citizen with respect to her rights to air her concerns without subject to suppress conflicting opinions. Mrs. Marsh asked for a bi-partisan committee be established and an investigation to look into the process of questions and the interview of the candidates (potential board members) should there be wrong doing found I'm pressing consequences which are not in line with the City's ordinances furthermore, should there be the need for more paperwork to be completed for the process I'm requesting to be provided the necessary paperwork on how to comply with said application for the position of alderman ward I.

Tracey Brown- 5126 S. Briarwood Crossing, Battlefield, MO 65619-addressed the Board with her deep concern over the zoning appeal particularly the decisions that were under review referring to section 400.150 to which she referenced the ability to discuss or appeal the administrative decision that was unilaterally decided by the City Administrator not the Board of Aldermen. Mrs. Brown was not appreciative of the communications by Mr. Vanhorn and felt that the City Administrator is set up for failure and is not infallible or untouchable and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were in control.

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Item 6a Update on Sinkhole Analysis.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated that based on contact with Greene County they would be able to use ground penetrating sonar to do an analysis to see how deep the sinkhole hole so they can determine how to fix the issue and produce a cost with the process to be done in mid-September. Mr. Vanhorn stated that the City is responsible for the detention basin that is near old wire road (**pocket park area**). Mr. Vanhorn stated that should there be more to report he will come back after the tests have been done. Mrs. Brown felt his decision should be reevaluated so there are not conflicts in the future. Mrs. Brown feels this will shape the future of neighborhoods as far as what the City is willing to do.

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

Mayor Crabtree went over some basic parliamentary procedures for the Board of Aldermen and felt that in recent meetings things had become lax and needed to tighten up on the proper way to conduct the meetings to allow for an efficient timely process.

Item 7b Discussion and Possible Vote to Affirm Mayor's Appointment of Ward III Alderman to serve until next regular election (April 2026) Douglas Cunio. City Discussion followed on the appointing of new Board members with respect to the City Code. Attorney Paul Link stated it was the Mayor's decision to make the appointment and the Board would either to approve or disapprove of the appointments and the Board could proceed with these appointments at a regular meeting, or they could hold a special meeting before the regular meeting on the 3rd of September if they so choose. Alderman Scott Campbell made motion to call special meeting before regular meeting set for September 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. prior to regular start time of 6:30 p.m. for item 7b and item 7c. Motion as seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. Mr. Cunio was allowed to speak and give an overview of his time here in Battlefield he stated he had lived here 5 years and wanted to see growth with more retail than residential growth and to allow for more services to be offered within the city. Mr. Cunio stated he wants to see more retail in a positive way.

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Mr. McNitt gave a brief overview of his time here in Battlefield and that he had operated a business here and been apart of the Economic Development Commission and that he wanted to see more growth.

Item 7c Discussion and Possible Vote to Affirm Appointment of Ward I Alderman to serve until next regular election (April 2026) Matt McNitt. Alderman Scott Campbell made motion to call special meetings before regular meeting set for September 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. prior to regular start time of 6:30 p.m. Motion as seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

City Clerk Beth Anne West did not swear anyone in since the appointments were delayed.

Item 7d Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Mayor's Appointment of Planning and Zoning Member Tim Friel. Alderman Scott Campbell made motion to delay the Mayor's appointment of Tim Friel to the Planning and Zoning Commission until the September 3, 2024, meeting. Motion as seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes (*via zoom due to illness*), and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 7e Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-15, an Ordinance creating a position in the Police Department as Corporal, Setting Forth the Duties of Such Position and Setting the Compensation to be Paid Therefor.

Police Chief Chris McPhail stated they would be most likely to promote an officer but not at the moment would need to have the position available as we have more staff on all different shifts to have availability for more supervision with younger officers working later shifts. Police Chief Chris McPhail noted the rate of \$0.50 would be increased over their base rate. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-15 by title only for the first time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the first reading of Bill #24-15 by title only. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-15 for the second and final reading of Bill 24-15 Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. made motion to approve the second

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reading of Bill #24-15 by title only and make it ordinance 24-15. Alderman Rocky Compton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

**Item 7f Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-16, an Ordinance of
of Battlefield, Missouri, providing for the General Levy and Imposition of
Annual Tax for General Municipal Purposes for the Year of 2024.**

City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-16 by title only. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the first reading of Bill #24-16 by title only. Alderman Scott Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-16 for the second and final reading of Bill 24-16. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the second reading of Bill #24-16 by title only and make it ordinance 24-16. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

**Item 7g Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-17, an Ordinance
amending Ordinance 23-07 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-17 by title only for the first time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the first reading of Bill #24-17 by title only for the first time. Alderman Scott Campbell seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelly Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-17 by title only for the second and final time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the second reading of Bill #24-17 by title only and make it ordinance 24-17. Alderman Scott Campbell. seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

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Item 7h Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #24-18 an Ordinance Authorizing City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement between the Engineering Firm named Cochran Engineering and the City of Battlefield, Missouri for Professional Services for Future Lift Station Master Planning. City Administrator went over the agreement and explained the City needs to do some planning so as developments that are large come into the city and add more demand on the sewer there are ways to recoup the cost. City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated an amendment to the Sewer Master Plan already in place. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-18 by title only for the first time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the first reading of Bill #24-18 by title only. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #24-18 by title only for the second and final time. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to approve the second reading of Bill #24-18 by title only and make it ordinance 24-18. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. seconded motion. A roll vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes- Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

Item 7i Discussion and Possible Vote to Add Public Works Supervisor position to Budget for 2024-2025.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated that based on listening to former aldermen after having meetings with them that doing the City Administrator position plus having to do supervising of the public works maintenance workers was not allowing him the opportunity to complete his full-time duties of the City Administrator position. Effectively. Mr. Vanhorn noted that a former employee was rehired and based on the new hires he was looking at promoting an individual but that had not worked out based on personality issues so he would have to hire someone outside of the workers already on staff. Discussion occurred on the qualifications for the position. Mr. Vanhorn added the job description was already in place. Alderman Rocky asked with the new software to put in place how would this position compare to the cost of that investment. Mr. Vanhorn stated the position would be \$28-32 per hour and the budget with benefits and insurance would be closer to a cost of \$100,000.00. Mr. Vanhorn stated the Supervisor would oversee the new

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software system with public works. Mr. Vanhorn stated he would bring more information to the Board, and they did not need to make a decision this evening. Alderman Rocky Compton made motion to postpone table to a later date item 7i (the public work supervisor position to the budget for 2024 to 2025). Alderman Tim Kelly Sr. seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes-Tim Kelley Sr, Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

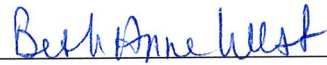
Item 8 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p. m. Alderman Scott Campbell seconded motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved. *Editorial Note: Samantha Forbes voting via zoom due to illness.*

 Mayor-Mark Crabtree

10/1/24 Date

ATTEST:

 City Clerk Beth Anne West

10/1/24 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: *4 Ayes - Doug Lunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelly Sr, and Matt Menitt.*
Minutes Approved: *0 Nays. all Aldermen were present for the vote.*
October 1, 2024. 10-1-2024

