

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting
March 5, 2024,**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Item 1a Pledge of Allegiance- led by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr.

Item 1b Opening Prayer-led by Police Chief Chris McPhail.

Item 2 Roll Call

City Clerk Beth Anne West read the roll call and the following Board members were in attendance: Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. All Board members were present for the vote. City Clerk Beth Anne West determined there was a Quorum present and the meeting could proceed. Staff present were City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Chief of Police Chris McPhail.

Item 3 Call to order

President Pro Tem Mark Crabtree called the meeting to order at City Hall Located at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619 on March 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Item 4 Mayor Report

Mark Crabtree stated he attended the SREP meeting and the MML legislative Conference on February 20, 2024. Mr. Crabtree stated he met with the Marketing Company to prepare with the initial visit with the Board of Aldermen and they took a tour of Battlefield to prepare for developing a plan to better market the City. Mr. Crabtree mentioned to the Board to consider riding with the Police Department to get a better idea of what they do on a daily basis.

Item 5 Board of Aldermen Report

None.

Item 6 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Aldermen Rocky Compton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-j: February 6, 2024, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills paid in the amount of \$ 111,545.49; Bills to approve in the amount of \$ 3,516.93; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$500.00; Bills to pay after 3-5-2024 in the amount of \$13,221.79; Sewer/Parks-Refunds for 3-5-2024 in the amount of \$225.00; Bills paid since 2-27-2024 in the amount of \$27,373.49; Payroll reports; January 2024 Financial Statements; January 2024 Bank Reconciliations. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree,

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Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr. , and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

The City Administrator noted he forgot to add the Fire Report on the Agenda and asked that Fire Chief Shane Anderson be able to give a report. Mr. Anderson updated the Board mentioning the increase in pay from \$34,100 to 42,000.00 for the base rate since the City of Springfield starts at \$45,800. Mr. Anderson stated he has lots of applications coming in for a few open positions. Mr. Anderson is working to serve citizens with needs like autism and children and or adults with stickers to put on the vehicles showing a puzzle piece to note cognitive or issues like dementia so those that respond to an incident will know that is a possibility. Mr. Anderson stated they are working on getting radios that are universally the same for all the districts around this area they used to cost \$500.00 and are like \$5000.00, now which make it very hard to communicate with different types of radios and frequencies. Mr. Anderson stated they were also trying to tackle a nationwide project with those that have oxygen therapy and smoke which increases the chances for explosions and fires due to such use. Mr. Anderson stated that Congressman Riley is working on laws to combat this. Mr. Anderson explained he sits on an Overdose Fatality Board for the SW Missouri area, and they are looking at how to combat overdoses in the Ozarks. Mr. Anderson stated since COVID-19 they have reduced their medical visits and have tried to use smaller vehicles to respond. Mr. Anderson congratulated Chief McPhail on the City obtaining the Safest Community standing as #1 in the state. Mr. Anderson stated they had 196 calls for February with 7 being house fires.

Item 7 Public Input

None.

Item 8 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 9a New Business

Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resolution #24-R-01, concerning Voluntary Annexation of Undeveloped Land, Approximately 8.76 Acres, Located on Corner of State Highway FF, and Farm Road 178 (Weaver Road), Owned by Cleta Blackwell (D's Second Chance, LLC)

City Clerk Beth Anne West read resolution by title only for the first and only time. Representative for the owner Realtor Steve Reith provided more insight as to the development of the undeveloped property which is near the School on Weaver and the Commercial property near Burk Erectors and across from the First Baptist Church of Battlefield which could be a multi-million-dollar investment with retail

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and housing. Mr. Reith noted the timeframe for construction would be one to two years. Motion was made by Alderman to approve resolution #24-R-01 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Samanta Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Purchase of Public Works Vehicle Ford F-150 from Corwin Ford Republic.

The City Administrator mentioned the current vehicle the building inspector was using a 2006 F-250 with 111,000 miles on it. Mr. Vanhorn stated it is time to part with it. Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to approve the purchase of public works vehicle for full size F150 for \$44,240.04, with a 5.0 motor (V8) from Corwin Ford of Republic. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr.. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Ssmantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9 c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Order Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis from Corwin Ford Republic.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn gave an overview on the vehicle needed for public works specifically with sewer department and the thought was to get a flatbed utility bed in the vehicle and add an auto crane to move sewer pumps when needed. Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to approve the purchase of a one-ton F350 cab and chassis from Corwin to order a truck for \$54,423.00. Mr. Vanhorn noted that totally outfitted to would cost \$74,000. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9d Discussion and Possible Vote to Authorize disposal of items (Equipment & Such).

Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to authorize disposal of items (Equipment & Such) as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9 f Discussion and Possible Vote to approve trade enclosed trailer for purchase of new 18' Utility Trailer. Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to approve of the trade in of a 2016 Covered Trailer the City can no longer

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effectively use for the purchase of a new 18' trailer for \$3,995.00, from Yarbough Equipment. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 nays. All board members were present for the vote. Motion approved. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 nays. All board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9f Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve City Administrator to Purchase Asset Management Services Through Brightly Software.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn explained the software costs and the yearly maintenance fees also associated with the investment in a software to manage the city's assets and track expenses related to various projects (public works), items within the City. Mr. Vanhorn noted the City does not currently have this option which makes it hard to budget for the appropriate costs to be defined by the workload averaging within a year so he can properly plan for the following year. Discussion followed and it was determined that a vote would not be taken, and the Board could bring the item back to the next agenda allowing for the salesperson to provide a demonstration.

Item 9g Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve City Administrator Establish a Line of Credit with Legacy Bank.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn explained the opportunity to open a line of credit through Legacy Bank where the City has a number of CD's currently maturing along with others so an option would be to open a line of credit for larger purchases like finishing the Police Department's Sally Port that needs to be filled in and the remodel project from the vacant space left by the departing Police Department along with vehicle purchases in the current tor future budget. Mr. Vanhorn explained the City was using its own funds to capitalize on a better rate of interest for short term purchases rather than having to go through separate loans for all of the various projects coming up if needed rather than depleting balances (cushions) with said projects. Motion was made by Alderman Jerry Shupert to authorize the City Administrator to establish a line of credit with Legacy Bank allow for the opportunity for better cash flow options for future projects. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 4 Ayes-Jerry Shupert, Tim Kelley Sr., Mark Crabtree, and Samantha Forbes. 2 Nays-Rocky Compton and Zac Woods. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

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Item 10 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Zac Woods to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes Samantha Forbes, Zac Woods, Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Mark Crabtree President of the Board Mark Crabtree 4/23/24 Date

ATTEST:

Beth Anne West City Clerk Beth Anne West 04/23/2024 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: 4 Ayes Mark Crabtree, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Jerry Shupert. 0 Nays. Aldermen Samantha Forbes and Zac Woods were absent for the vote. 3-19-2024
Minutes Approved: 3-19-2024,

