

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026**

1. Ceremonial Matters.

a. **Pledge of Allegiance**-Led by Alderman Rocky Compton.

b. **Opening Prayer**-Led by Alderman Scott Campbell.

i. Proclamation for 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 3-9th, 2026.

ii. Proclamation for National Police Week May 11-16th, 2026.

iii. Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 17-23rd, 2026.

Mayor Mark Crabtree mentioned the proclamations would be placed on Facebook and website.

2. **Roll Call.** City Clerk Beth Anne West completed roll call, with the following members of the Board present: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. All Board members were present for the meeting. Staff members present were City Administrator Chris McPhail, City Attorney Paul Link, Building Inspector Trey Davis, City Clerk Beth Anne West, Police Chief Brent Armstrong, Lieutenant Mike Field, and Sargent Shannon Marler.
3. **Call to order.** Mayor Mark Crabtree called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Battlefield City Hall located at 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO 65619.
4. **City Administrator Report.** Mr. Chris McPhail stated that he and Beth Anne West City Clerk met with representative from Ozark Central Bank about CD's that were maturing and reinvested them, it was a little over \$900,000.00, in reserves but he stated it could be accessed, if necessary (emergency), etc. Mr. McPhail stated he would be ordering shirts so he would need shirt sizes before the Board left. Mr. McPhail stated they were receiving inquiries about the Regional Lift Station Relocation, which is promising. Mr. McPhail noted the cost of service for sewer rates was almost finished and that a review by the Board may occur in July with the proposed new rates could take effect in August. Mr. McPhail explained to the overlay district that CMT is working on that they came to town on the 13th of April to take photos to add to the research. Mr. McPhail noted that the Weaver Road Project was on task for projected start date of 2027. Mr. McPhail mentioned that City Hall's Board room and breakroom were re-carpeted and repainted after the water line break in the breakroom. Mr. McPhail stated the trees offered for the tree giveaway were all gone now. Mr. McPhail noted the Parks Advisory Board were planning a community garden near the pond. Mr. McPhail noted the Wilson's Creek Trail (sidewalk) had Wilson Engineering service which will be east of Wilson Creek. Mr. McPhail explained there was another project for sidewalks and then hoping for approval from MoDOT

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possibly start in October 2026. Mr. McPhail stated the Overlay District that was approved recently CMT came here on April 13, 2026, to take photos of area and begin research process.

5. **Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda.**

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt consent agenda items including a-h: April 7, 2026, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$132,350.25; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$516.24; Sewer Adjustment for Month of March 2026 in amount of \$90.56; Payroll Earnings March 2026; March 2026 Financial Statements; March 2026 Bank Reconciliations. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed.

6. **Public Input.** Joshua Cooper 4237 S. Hollow Branch Way, Battlefield, MO 65619- stated on February 10, 2026, a pitbull that was in neighboring yard jumped into their yard and attacked their dogs then his wife tried to separate them and got bit and scratched. The issue went to court in Battlefield, the dog is still alive, the owner paid for expenses and vet bills, but Mr. Cooper would like the Board to review the ordinances regarding dangerous dogs because he feels they need to be addressed to keep the community safe. Discussion followed.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Vote to authorize road repair on 2nd Street including replacing culvert near fire district entrance.** City Administrator Chris McPhail stated another bid was supposed to be received and in mean time found that the gas line from City Utilities is very shallow in the area so the second bidder will have to be contacted to make sure they can amend their bid. Mr. McPhail stated it may be the next meeting before everything is lined out. Mr. McPhail noted the original bid was \$60,000.00, but another bidder sent in a bid at \$28,000.00. No vote was taken.

8. **Reading of Election Results.**

- a. City Clerk will read the election results into the minutes and stated a copy would be attached to the approved minutes.

9. **Recognition of exiting Board members.**

- a. *Alderman Ward I Samantha (Deaton) Forbes-editorial note: plaques were given to outgoing members.*
b. *Alderman Ward II Rocky Compton*
c. *Alderman Ward III Tim Kelley Sr.*

10. Adjourn Sine Die. (*Changing from Current Board to Newly Elected Board*).

11. **Swearing in of new Board of Aldermen.**

- a. *Alderman Ward I. -Ashley Anderson* was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.

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- b. *Alderman Ward I. -Matt McNitt* was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.
- c. *Alderman Ward II.-Kevin Britt* was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.
- d. *Alderman Ward III.-Ben Clemmons* was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.
- e. *Alderman Ward III. Doug Cunio* was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.

12. Swearing in of New Lieutenant and New Sargent.

Editorial note: New Lieutenant Mike Field was pinned by his Wife, and New Sargent Shannon Marler was also pinned by his wife, they had already been sworn in once promoted.

(Potential Transition Break-Existing Board to New Board) -Short recess for refreshments then the meeting came back to order so the new members could take their seats at the table. The following Board members came back to order and were present for the rest of the meeting: Ashley Anderson, Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, Doug Cunio, and Scott Campbell at 7:15 p.m.

13. New Business.

- a. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Elect President of the Board. (Section 110.030 Municipal Code).** Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt to nominate Doug Cunio for President of the Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashley Anderson. No other motions were made, so nominations ceased. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- b. **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.** Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to remove current President of the Board Samantha Forbes and add Doug Cunio as President of the Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- c. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Increase in Pay to new Lieutenant and new Sargent.** City Administrator Chris McPhail noted that do to the recent promotions salary increases would need to be discussed. City Administrator Chris McPhail proposed Lieutenant Field's pay increase from 26.50 to a proposed rate of \$28.50 per promotion date of April 7, 2026. Mr. McPhail added that the Sargent's pay was a bit higher (Marler-Sargent), due to the fact he has been here longer so his rate is \$26.37, and his proposed rate would be \$27.37 as of April 7, 2026. Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to Approve Increase in Pay to new Lieutenant \$28.50 and new Sargent \$27.37. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

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- d. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resignation of Tim Kelley Sr. from Planning and Zoning Commission.** Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to Approve Resignation of Tim Kelley Sr. from Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- e. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resignation of Kevin Britt from Planning and Zoning Commission.** Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt to Approve Resignation of Kevin Britt from Planning and Zoning Commission as a citizen representative. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- f. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Mayor's Appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission as Alderman Representative (Kevin Britt).** Mayor Mark Crabtree appointed Kevin Britt to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the new alderman representative since the election just occurred. Motion was made by Alderman Ben Clemmons to approve Mayor's appointment of Kevin Britt as alderman representative of Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- g. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Mayor as Voting Member of Planning and Zoning Commission.** Mayor Mark Crabtree noted due to recent changes in the Planning and Zoning Commission due to election he would like to become a voting member so it would be less likely not to have a quorum. Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt to Approve Mayor as a voting member for the Planning and Zoning Commission as a temporary time to make sure there is a quorum. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.
- h. **Discussion of Possible Budget Meeting Dates in May and June 2026.**

No motion made just discussion only.
- i. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve A Resolution #26-R-01 of the City of Battlefield Adopting the 2025-2030 Springfield-Greene County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.** Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt approve and adopt Resolution #26-R-01 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben

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Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

j. **Roles and Responsibilities of City Officials.**

City Attorney Paul Link introduced himself and gave a few tips and suggestions to the Board members who were new to the position.

14. Adjournment.

- a. Motion was made by Alderman to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was held and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board Members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Mark Crabtree Mayor Mark Crabtree 5/5/2026 Date

ATTEST:

Beth Anne West City Clerk Beth Anne West 5-5-2026 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: 5 Ayes - Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays Alderman Doug Cunio was absent for Hialeah.
Date Minutes approved: May 5, 2026. 5-5-2026.



April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election

We, the undersigned representatives of opposite political parties, hereby certify that on the 7th day of April, 2026, we did tabulate all returns of the General Municipal Election held at the various voting locations within said county between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., the following being a true and accurate account of the vote at said polling places, as well as the absentee ballots, and as certified by the verification board as provided in 115.507, RSMo.

City of Battlefield

FOR ALDERMAN-WARD 1
FOUR YEAR TERM

Ashley E. Anderson	99
Samantha Deaton	76

FOR ALDERMAN-WARD 1
TWO YEAR TERM

Deziree Marsh	66
Matt McNitt	70
Cheryl Montgomery	29
Brandon Lain	7
Ashley Reed	13

FOR ALDERMAN-WARD 2
FOUR YEAR TERM

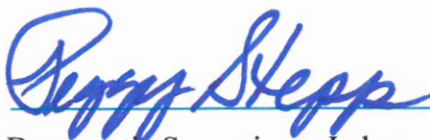
Nathan Westmoreland	55
Kevin Britt	56

FOR ALDERMAN-WARD 3
FOUR YEAR TERM

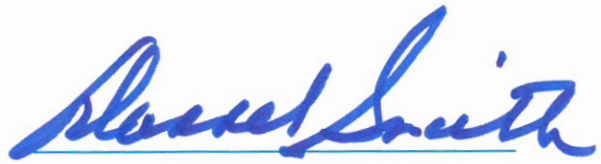
Timothy Kelly Sr	39
Ben Clemmons	42

FOR ALDERMAN-WARD 3
FOUR YEAR TERM

Doug Cunio	68
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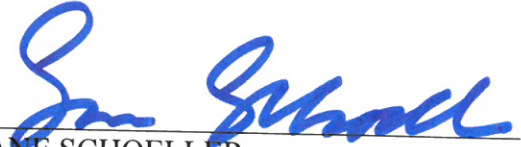
Democratic Supervisory Judge



Republican Supervisory Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF GREENE)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Shane
Schoeller, County Clerk, hereunto set my
hand and affix the Seal of the County of
Greene, at my office in Springfield,
Missouri, this 10th day of April, 2026.



SHANE SCHOELLER
COUNTY CLERK