

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Rocky Compton.
Opening Prayer led by Alderman Scott Campbell.

Item 2 Roll Call. City Clerk Beth Anne West read the roll call with the following shown as present at the meeting: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. City Clerk Beth Anne West noted that a quorum was present so the meeting could proceed. All Board members were present for the meeting. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail, Interim Police Chief Brent Armstrong, Building Inspector Trey Davis, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 3 Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Crabtree at Battlefield, City Hall at 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO 65619, at 6:31 p.m.

Item 4 City Administrator Report.

Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail stated hoping to have the inventory work done by K & B Construction by February 1, 2026, so a walk through will be done tomorrow in preparation for this. Mr. McPhail stated that Toth plans to do a quality check on the project to double-check the work, so we know it is done right. Mr. McPhail reported that the possible cost for the flood mitigation for the drainage issue near the Fire Station has been reviewed and a proposal was given to look at a repair option with the PWSD#1 offering assistance to help with the excavating and install of either a culvert or a concrete drain depending on what will work best. Toth was looking at a culvert of like 15 inches and former City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn had suggested (2) 24 inches instead, which would be bigger and last longer as noted by Mr. McPhail. Mr. McPhail stated that the goal is not to damage their driveway. Mr. McPhail noted that the trees along this area have been built up and need to be removed near the fire station so the brush will not build up like it is. Alderman Campbell asked about the storage units near this area. Mr. McPhail stated the current focus is on this project but that may relieve some of the flooding issues. Mr. McPhail stated he would give more specifics on the streetlight project later in the meeting. Mr. McPhail stated he had no updates on the Weaver Road Project and engineering studies were in process. Mr. McPhail stated that recently he have had a concern at City Hall for security with regard to potential aggressive actions of a citizen, so the lobby area has been restricted with locked doors for staff safety. Mr. McPhail stated there was a plan to be able to provide services to the public with safety in mind for all. Mr. McPhail noted meetings attended and said that the City was considering setting up an overlay district to create a downtown area which would be a long-term project.

Item 5 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda.

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Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt consent agenda items including items a to i: January 6, 2026, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$ 423,026.28; Sewer/Parks- Refunds paid in the amount of \$650.71; Sewer Adjustments for the month of December 2025 in amount of \$240.87; Payroll Reports ; December 2025 Bank Reconciliations; December 2025 Financial Statement; Summary of Revenues in and Expenditures out July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken and the vote was 6 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 6 Public Input

Florence Sebern- 5123 S. Palisades Ave. Battlefield, MO 65619- Voiced concerns on rules and procedures of the Board of Aldermen and noted there may be ordinance violations. Mrs. Sebern also asked questions regarding formatting the website and reference to commissions and/or boards notated on the website. Mrs. Sebern noted she was new to the city and was trying to understand the procedures of this city.

Item 7 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 8a Discussion and Possible Vote to Affirm Mayor's Appointment of Advisory Park Board Member Kennedy Means. Mayor Crabtree introduced Ms. Means to the Board. Ms. Means stated she works with the City of Republic as the maintenance superintendent to the Parks Department and helps with various events and programs, so she has a passion for this area and wants to contribute. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the appointment of Advisory Park Board member Kennedy Means. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8b Discussion and Possible Vote to Affirm Mayor's Appointment of Advisory Park Board Member Katie Zeidler. Mayor Crabtree stated that Ms. Zeidler is unable to attend the meeting tonight. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to approve the appointment of Advisory Park Board member Katie Zeidler. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was taken and the vote was 6 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt 0 Nays. All Board member were present for the vote. Motion approved. Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail stated this will restore a quorum for the Advisory Park Board so they can meet.

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Item 8c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Engineering Study for Possible Street Light Project.

Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail noted there are 16 intersections in what everyone calls the “Flower Streets” (neighborhood), the electricity is located in the rear of all the properties meaning easements must be obtained either voluntary or paid for from each of the areas where the utility poles for the streetlights were to be located. Mr. McPhail gave rates on cost per pole and cost monthly per light. Mr. McPhail outlined the unknown costs and the items the City would have to pay for (trenching or boring), repair of the yards, removing of landscaping, fences, cost for installation of transformers plus any engineering expenses to which \$800.00 have been expended to date. Mr. McPhail stated that former City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn had allotted \$25,000.00 for the engineering and installation of streetlights for this budget year. Mr. McPhail stated he felt it was not the best idea to pursue the project without all the data on the real costs and have a clear picture of said costs along with engineer’s review so the project would be successful and it was not fair to start this process before a new City Administrator is determined by the Board. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to postpone the decision until the new City Administrator is on Board for at least 30 days. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken and the vote was 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 approved.

Item 9 a & b Executive Session

Discussion and Possible Vote(s) concerning Possible Litigation under RSMO.610.021 (1) Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Discussion and Possible Vote(s) concerning Leasing, Purchase, or sale of Real Estate under RSMO.610.021 (2) Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

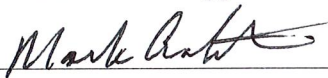
Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into executive session under RSMO 610.021 (1) and (2) at 7:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samatha Forbes. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into open session and immediately adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved. Mayor Mark Crabtree noted no votes took place during executive session.

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Item 10 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into open session and immediately adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.



Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk

Reading and vote: *6 Ayes - Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. All Board members were present for the vote. 3-3-26. 0 Nays.*

Minutes approved: *February 3, 2026*

