City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026

1. **Ceremonial Matters.**
   a. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Alderman Doug Cunio.
   b. **Opening Prayer** led by Alderman Scott Campbell.

2. **Roll Call.** City Clerk Beth Anne West led roll call with following attendees: Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. City Clerk noted a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the meeting. The following staff were present City Administrator Chris McPhail, City Clerk Beth Anne West, Building Inspector Trey Davis, and Police Officer Duncan Dabbs.

3. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at City Hall located at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619 by Mayor Mark Crabtree at 6:30 p.m.

4. **Public Hearing**

   a. **Setting Tax Levy-** Mayor Mark Crabtree opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Crabtree went over the process for the public hearing. **Mrs. Deziree Marsh of 4547 W. Clover Leaf Terrace, Battlefield, MO 65619.** Mrs. Marsh asked for clarification on the sewer increase to go through it where the average person could fully understand the process because the average resident may not understand why the cost has to increase. Mr. Craig Woycheese of Toth Engineering gave a presentation on the results of the Cost-of-Service Study that reflected the fiscal needs for the next five years (2026-2031). Mr. Woycheese outlined a brief PowerPoint report to state after researching it was found that a slight increase of rates at 2.5% per year with a total increase of 13.1% over the 5 year period could off set the needs of the City to complete Capital Improvements for maintaining the City's sewer system and meet the requirements set forth by Department of Natural Resources for the State of Missouri, and the City of Springfield who provides sewer service for the City, because the City of Battlefield does not have it's own treatment facility, rather it is flows to the City of Springfield for treatment. Mr. Woycheese mentioned the idea was to keep the revenue in good shape while starting a major project to move Lift station A (regional), which is the biggest lift station and needs major renovations to accommodate the growth of the City now and into the future. Mr. Woycheese stated that after consideration of the needs it was found the increase mentioned would mean the City would not have to go into additional debt based on it's current projections for growth, expenses, and revenue. Mr. Woycheese reference the Capital Improvement Plan that was recently passed by the Board noting the types of projects forthcoming and how if there are not funds available then those projects can be delayed to the following fiscal year based on the flexibility of the plan. No other citizens

came forth to speak for or against the matters. Mayor Mark Crabtree closed the public hearing for the tax levy at 6:59 p.m.

b. **Possible Sewer Rate Increase** Mayor Mark Crabtree opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. No one spoke in favor or against the matter. Mayor Mark Crabtree closed the public hearing for the tax levy at 6:59 p.m.

5. **Close Public Hearing.** Mayor Crabtree closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. then the regular meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Resume Regular Session Meeting.** Regular meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

7. **City Administrator Report** Chris McPhail gave the following report that Corporal Cooley had left the Police Department for a position at Burrell Health and that Officer Duncan Dabbs was out of training. Mr. McPhail noted that the Elm Street sidewalk to Farm Road 131 would start on the 31st of August and that it would take 2-3 months to complete. Mr. McPhail said the project is allowed 180 days with Liming Concrete to do the job. Mr. McPhail explained that he referenced the question about HOA's and how to maintain them when the HOA seems to be non-existent, how do cities act against them if their detention is not mowed regularly. Mr. McPhail stated he contacted our Attorney which stated if no one could be contacted as the official designee for the HOA then it made it almost impossible to hold someone responsible for the maintenance of that HOA. Mr. McPhail stated he was working with Toth Engineering to create a bid sheet on asphalt work for crack sealing and was hoping to get finished, so it could be done before winter begins. Mr. McPhail added that the program with the County was discontinued, so the City is on it's own for getting better pricing for such projects. Mr. McPhail explained that the street funds would be used for this project and there is limited amount of money to do the projects needed, so some may have to be carried over to another fiscal year.

8. **Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda** Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to approve and adopt the consent agenda with the following items including items a-h: July 21, 2026, Board of Aldermen special session meeting minutes ;Bills to approve in the amount of $0.00 ;Bills paid in the amount of $99,206.77; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of $550.00; Sewer Adjustments for July 2026 ending in amount of $255.17; Earnings Report for July 2026; July 2026 Bank Reconciliations; July 2026 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. The vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

9. **Public Input**
   a. None.

10. **Unfinished Business**
    a. None.

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11. New Business

a. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #26-33 An Ordinance of the City of Battlefield, Missouri Providing for the General Levy, and Imposition of Annual Tax for General Municipal Purposes for the Year of 2026.** Alderman Kevin Britt asked if the 2nd reading needed to be held this evening. City Clerk Beth Anne West replied the deadline to get the approved ordinance to the County Clerk was September 1st, so it could be certified by the State and the tax rolls could be completed so the property taxes could be mailed and/or e-mailed to citizens and give them ample time to pay by January 1st, 2027.City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #26-33 by title only for the first time. Motion was made by Alderman Ashley Anderson to approve the first reading of Bill #26-33 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. The vote was 5 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read bill #26-33 by title only for the second and last time. Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to approve the second and final reading of Bill #26-33 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. The roll call vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

b. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #26-34 An Ordinance Amending Section 700.500 Of The Code Of Ordinances As The Same Relate To Wastewater Service Rates For The Fiscal Years Ending 2026 To 2031 For All Residential And Non-Residential Customers.** City Administrator Chris McPhail noted after completing the Wastewater Cost of Service Study it was evident an increase in wastewater rates would need to occur to keep up with the wastewater needs of the City and stay in compliance with the agreement with the City of Springfield for sewer services. Mr. McPhail stated after much research and discussion with Toth Engineering it was found that a 2.5% increase could be allocated over a 5-year period for a total of 13.1% increase in the sewer billing without having to issue debt to maintain the sewer system. Discussion followed. City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #26-34 by title only for the first time. Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to approve the first reading of Bill #26-34 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. The vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read bill #26-34 by title only for the second and last time. Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to approve the second and final reading of Bill #26-34 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. The roll call vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

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c. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #26-35 An Ordinance To Authorize City Administrator and/or Mayor To Enter Into Agreement With Crawford, Murphy And Tilly, Inc. Engineers And Consultants For Professional Engineering Services For Amendment #1 To The Original Agreement For The Overlay District For The Formation Of A Downtown Battlefield Area.** City Clerk Beth Anne West read Bill #26-35 by title only for the first time. Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to approve the first reading of Bill #26-35 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. The vote was 5 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved. City Clerk Beth Anne West read bill #26-35 by title only for the second and final time. Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNItt to approve the second and final reading of Bill #26-35 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. The roll call vote was 5 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Kevin, Britt Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to go into executive session at 7:15p.m. under RSMo. 610.0621.(1) and 610.021 (2). A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson Kevin Britt, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved. A short break was granted and the meeting resumed in executive session at 7:25 p.m.

12. Executive Session

a. Discussion and Possible Vote to Discuss Potential Litigation. RSMO.610.021. (1) Closed Session. Closed Vote. Close Record.

b. Discussion and Possible Vote to Discuss Real Estate Purchase. RSMO.610.021. (2) Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to go into open session at 7:43 p.m. and adjourn immediately. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Kevin, Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

13. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to go into open session at 7:43 p.m. and adjourn immediately. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Kevin, Britt Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Ben Clemmons was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Mark Crabtree Mayor Mark Crabtree 9/1/2026 Date

ATTEST:

Beth Anne West Beth Anne West, CMC/MPCC 9-1-2026 Date

4 Reading and vote: 5 Ayes - Ben Clemmons, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McNitt was absent for the vote. 9-1-2026