

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Pledge of Allegiance -Led by Alderman Samantha Forbes.

Opening Prayer- Led by Building Inspector Tristan Losh.

Roll Call- The following Board of Aldermen were present for the meeting: Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. All Aldermen were present for the meeting. The City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call and deemed a quorum present. Staff present were City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, Police Chief McPhail, Tristan Losh, Building Inspector, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 2 Call to order

Mayor Mark Crabtree brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall Located at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619.

Item 3 Mayor Report

- Mayor Mark Crabtree noted he planned to attend the Jefferson City Legislative Conference for one day for Missouri Municipal League in March.
- Mayor Mark Crabtree noted he attended the Meet the Chief Luncheon, and two citizens came to Subway to enjoy lunch and some discussion.
- Mayor Mark Crabtree stated he visited former Alderman for Ward II Zac Woods who was in a rehab facility for a health concern. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated he had met an interested individual about business in town who wants to expand and had the thought of expanding the urban service area, farther east than the original line.

Item 4 City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn reported on the sanitary sewer lift stations that are getting new pumps B, D, K & J which are submersible pumps and they will be lined to make sure not leaking it will take about a 2-3 week turn around and the pump life about 5 years with the component life about 20 years. Mr. Vanhorn noted that the report for Sanitary Sewer did a preview of the updates to the report that Cochran had put together and they are getting the new developments to help with the recouping of costs for the installation of the new sewer lines and lift stations that will result through those new developments, most likely will have to present to the Board on the 18th of March or the 1st of April. Mr. Vanhorn stated there was more work to be done on the 604 B Sewer from Toth Engineering. Mr. Vanhorn mentioned that we did hear back from (OTO) Ozarks Transportation Organization on the project for Weaver Road and FF Highway improvements with the funding moving up to July of 2027 or the 2028 Budget year because originally we were told it would be 2030 now that plan has

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moved up so we are in line with the work we have already done to put our portion in motion along with MODOT's plans. Mr. Vanhorn stated he attended (Emergency Management Agency (EMA) training and he was working on getting the event plan in place so they can do a live event to figure out what items need to be addressed locally through a simulation with Fire, Police and other agencies to prepare for emergencies that could affect our City. Mr. Vanhorn noted the drywall in the Utility Billing Clerk's area and paint would begin soon with the grids for the ceiling and lights to be installed soon then the carpet would be installed so we can put the office back together soon possibly in early spring. The Parks installation of new Play equipment is almost done and the pour in place should be done soon once we get some 50-degree days they can set the surface for the pour in place. After that Mr. Vanhorn noted it is budget time with a draft coming around the first of May and the approval hopefully before mid-June.

Item 5 Fire/Police Chief Report

Introduction of NEW Fire Chief for Battlefield Fire Protection District.

New Fire Chief Shane Anderson introduced himself and stated he was recently promoted to this position from a whopping 23 applicants. Chief Anderson stated that they are working on building a new training and maintenance building at their location on Second street. Chief Anderson stated the old tower they had was not safe, so it had to be demolished, and they are meeting the standards that are highly regulated with building a new one for training purposes. Chief Anderson stated that the last ladder truck bought in 1996 for like \$375,000.00 was now \$2 million dollars so they usually try to pay it out right, so they have a lot of planning to make sure the funds are available. Chief Anderson stated that the vendors for these vehicles are rare, so it takes a few years for them to be built and the specifications to be completed so they are already getting ready for another rotation in the works. Chief Anderson explained that the maintenance level they need has increased so they will need to hire a new facilities maintenance person to help build and repair their facilities. Chief Anderson noted that they have a Strategic Plan they are working on within the next five years so there is no rest with the search still in sight to find a new location for a new fire station near the Walmart Market off Golden. Fire Chief Anderson stated it was a highly active month with a total of 106 calls for service.

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Presentation of Officer of the Year Award for Police Department. Police Chief Chris McPhail read a short letter about why Mr. Tilyer Nelson received this award. Mr. McPhail was impressed with his dedication and hard work in the short time Officer Nelson has been with the City, in that time he has 251 calls, 81 incidents, 537 traffic stops, averaging 180 stops and in his free time he does research on his cases. Chief McPhail noted he is willing to take on Overtime when needed and he has received several compliments from the public and he appreciates how he deals with the public this all has occurred in a mere 9 months of his year with the City, and he has not stopped yet.

Police Chief Report-Police Chief Chris McPhail stated that the packet included reports for January and February of 2025 with no significant items had 9 CIT reports and 98 calls for service with 3x the number of calls in February.

Item 6 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the consent agenda including items a-ee: February 4, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills paid in the amount of \$327,125.14; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$228.39; Payroll reports ;January Financial Statements 2025; January Bank Reconciliations 2025; Sewer Adjustments in the amount of \$ 198.25, for the month of January 2025; Sewer Adjustments in the amount of \$ 15.80 for the month of February 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. All Aldermen were present for the meeting. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 7 Public Input

None.

Item 8 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 9 New Business

Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #25-04, An Ordinance to Rezone Property Owned by Sparkman Investments LP Lana Rush Member, Located at 5420 S. State Highway FF, Battlefield MO, 65619 (Existing Business), From C-1 Neighborhood Business District to C-2 General Commercial District. City

Administrator Tommy Vanhorn gave an overview of the Planning and Zoning

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Commission meeting to which a report was provided by Chairman Danny Klopfer in support of recommending the approval of the rezone request. Bill #25-04 was read by City Clerk Beth Anne West for the first time by title only. Motion was made by Rocky Compton to approve the first reading of Bill #25-04 by title only for the first time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was held, 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. Motion was made by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. to have the second reading of Bill #25-04 by title only for the second and final time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. The vote was 6 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Motion approved. Bill #25-04 was read by City Clerk Beth Anne West for the second and final time by title only. Motion was made by Tim Kelley Sr. to approve the second and final reading of Bill 25-04 by title only and make it Ordinance #25-04. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A roll call vote was held, 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 9b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #25-05, An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting A new Code of Ordinances of the City of Battlefield, County of Green, State Of Missouri; Establishing the Same; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances not Included therein, Except as Herein Expressly Provided; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code of Ordinances; Providing Penalty for the Violation Thereof; and Providing when this Ordinance Shall Become Effective. City Clerk stated that in order to keep the City's codes in line with legislation passed every august for state statues to be in line with the City's code of ordinances an update must be made and this gives the City a chance to update any ordinances that have changed with in the past year at one time, then General Code provides a summary of the changes that are enacted with the approval of this ordinance. Motion was made by Samantha Forbes to have the first reading of Bill #25-05 by title only for the first time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was held, 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. Bill #25-05 was read by City Clerk Beth Anne West for the first time by title only. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to have approve the first reading of Bill #25-05 by title only for the first time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. The vote was 6 Ayes- Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, Scott

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Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved. Motion was made by Rocky Compton to have the second and final reading of Bill #25-05 by title only for second and final time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was held, 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. Bill #25-05 was read by City Clerk Beth Anne West for the second and final time by title only. Motion was made by Rocky Compton to approve the second and final reading of Bill #25-05 by title only and make it Ordinance #25-05. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A roll call vote was held, 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 9c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resolution #25-R-01 Concerning Voluntary Annexation Of Undeveloped Land, Approximately 9 Acres, Located At S. Lewis Street Owned By Dan Johnson And Associates LLC, Into The City Of Battlefield, Missouri. City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn noted the property owner has the potential to sell property and keep his original home, so he is going to annex into the City of Battlefield. Motion was made by Rocky Compton to approve Resolution #25-R-01 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. 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 9d Discussion and Possible Vote to Authorize City Administrator to seek Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for the City of Battlefield. City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn noted that the City had a contract to use as their sole provider of engineering services for the City with OWN Engineering left that position and he felt it would be time to make a request for qualification and find another engineering firm to use in the future. Mr. Vanhorn stated that once the submittals come in for review a scoring matrix would be used and a recommendation would be provided to the Board of Aldermen to select a new firm possibly in before May. Mr. Vanhorn noted he could get it placed on MML's website and send out to engineering firms in the area and statewide for that matter. Mr. Vanhorn stated the City had been using different firms with various projects of late and he would submit to them also.

Item 10 Executive Session

Discussion and Possible Vote (s) concerning Real Estate per RSMo. 610.021 (2). Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

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Discussion and Possible Vote (s) concerning hiring, firing, and/or promoting of employee (s)/personnel records, performance ratings, or records pertaining to employees or applications for employment per RSMO. 610.021 (3) & (13). Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

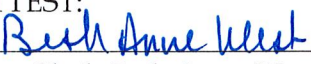
Motion was made by Member Rocky Compton to go into executive session at 7:21 p.m. under RSMO.610.021.(2), (3), & (13). Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. Motion was seconded by Member Tim Kelley Sr. A roll call vote and the vote was 6 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion approved. Discussion was held during executive session and a vote of confidence was taken by the Board in favor of City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn. 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. Motion was made by Samantha Forbes to go out of executive session and adjourn the meeting immediately following at 8:36 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. 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.

Item 11 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Aldermen Samantha Forbes to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 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.



Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:


City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk



Reading and vote: 4 Ayes - Doug Cunio, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr. and
Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Aldermen Samantha Forbes and Scott
Minutes approved: Campbell
March 18, 2025 were absent
for the vote.
3-18-2025.