

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Rocky Compton.
Opening Prayer led by Chief Chris McPhail.

Item 2 Roll Call

City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call with the following Board members shown as present: Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Scott Campbell. Alderman Doug Cunio was absent for the meeting. City Clerk Beth Anne West noted a quorum was present and the meeting could be held. The following staff members were present at the meeting: City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn, City Clerk Beth Anne West, and Police Chief Chris McPhail.

Item 3 Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Crabtree at 6:32 p.m. at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619.

Item 4 City Administrator Report.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated the contract is set to expire for the work being done on the lift stations (sewer), with B, K, and J having submersible pumps replaced. Mr. Vanhorn noted that the contract may have to be extended since it expires on July 24th and the contractor has experienced delays getting the equipment and the wet spring has not helped either. Mr. Vanhorn stated that the I N I reduction based on work done by V S I & C plus the work done on the lift station off Elm Street had reduced the amount of gallons treated per the contract with the City of Springfield (Sanitary Sewer), approximately \$150,000 in treatment fees which is great. Mr. Vanhorn stated that the City is looking at implementing new development fees to recoup the costs of infrastructure installation by possibly with a new chart which will also include building permit fees too. Mr. Vanhorn stated they may have as much as a 30% increase. Mr. Vanhorn stated the National Codes for Building Permits can utilize a fee structure to reference which should help. Mr. Vanhorn stated he would be asking Toth Engineering to do a sewer rate study soon so any possible increases could be implemented since the City of Springfield has presented the City with an 8% increase each year for the past two years. Mr. Vanhorn felt the City could not raise rates without an updated rate study to reference and then it might provide a longer period of time to stagger the rate increase rather than hitting customers with a large hike in one year. Mr. Vanhorn noted the completion of the playground installation of new equipment for Park at Cherokee Trail of Tears Park, and the possibility of a community garden. Mr. Vanhorn stated the Community Room and Pavilion Rentals

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are full for pretty much all summer. Mr. Vanhorn stated that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), was being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and he planned to bring the recommendation to the Board in August adding the plan has taken about a year and half to put together and will provide direction on projects that need to be planned over a 5-year period for items like stormwater, curb and gutter for streets, sewer, parks, etc. Mr. Vanhorn noted that prices have been received for resurfacing streets soon for Daniel, 1st, Lewis, William, and Enyart Streets. Mr. Vanhorn noted that Rocco's Restaurant is in the process of remodeling site and vehicle traffic to do in the first quarter (fall). Mr. Vanhorn noted that there are 5 addresses he has to send out information on acquisition on ROW for the project off Farm Road 182 east past Cloverdale for sidewalks so bids can go out soon for Spring of 2026, and then another sidewalk project along FF and Republic Road for September 2026. Mr. Vanhorn stated a hard look at the flower streets would need to be done to see about Culvert replacement to recreate a flow line or contract out with no curb and gutter for now. Mr. Vanhorn stated that he would be contacting Toth Engineering about a lighting plan for the City to meet with Ozark Electric to serve underserved areas so we can figure out the best plan for placement of lights. Mr. Vanhorn noted that the total for the CIP was \$9 million and there are known issues that just have to take a proactive approach every year and plan with funds available to take it a piece at a time.

Item 5 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-e: June 17, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$ 514,241.68; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$0.00. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes. Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Doug Cunio was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 6 Public Input

None.

Item 7 Unfinished Business

None.

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Item 8 New Business

Item 8a Discussion and Possible Vote to Setting Public Hearing Date for Stormwater Revision to City Codes for Floodplain Management Update Section 410.

City Clerk Beth Anne West stated she had missed the deadline to meet the 20-day timeline, so she needed the Board to set a new date for August instead. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to set August 5, 2025, as public hearing date to meet the 20-day timeline in the newspaper. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Doug Cunio was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8b Roundtable Discussion on Potential Goals for Upcoming Year.

City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn discussed the need to start conversation on where the focus needs to be. Discussion began on the protocol for storms and how to get information out to residents so they would be aware of proper actions to take. Mr. Vanhorn noted that the State has not issued a declaration for the recent storm damage, so the City could not pick up storm debris but in Greene County they are taking the debris for free until the end of the month. Discussions followed on those that do not use social media how do you reach them. Mr. Vanhorn noted the various ways the City uses social media and whether people that come to City Hall or call can convey those messages. Mr. Vanhorn explained we could involve the churches or HOA's to reach citizens but essentially, we need to review our Emergency Operations Plan and update it to fit our needs, but we do not have a central area where people congregate to convey information. Mr. Vanhorn stated he would be in touch with the County to get more information to get out to the public on possible options for future events. Discussion followed on needs to a possible fridge magnet with important numbers, or selling emergency radios like we have done in the past. Mr. Vanhorn stated that about 5 streets were hit hard and a hand full of homes were damaged. Alderman Forbes asked about misters to be added at the park. The discussion focused on using the sign at the Police Department to get messages out in a timely manner.

Item 9 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Doug Cunio was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

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Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:



City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk

Reading and vote: 6 Ayes - Doug Cuenio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forties, Rocky Compton,
Jim Keller Sr., and Matt McWhitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for
Minutes approved: July 15, 2025 the vote. 7-15-2025

