

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Minutes
September 9, 2025**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance led by Rocky Compton.
- b. Opening Prayer led by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr.

Item 2 Roll Call.

City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call with the following Board members shown as present: Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., Matt McNitt. Aldermen Scott Campbell 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, Building Inspector Trey Davis, 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 6:31 p.m. at 5434 S. Tower Drive Battlefield, MO 65619.

Item 4 Mayor Update. Mayor Mark Crabtree asked that everyone remember to recognize him before speaking so everyone can speak on matters rather than not acknowledging the chair prior to speaking.

Item 5 Fire Chief/Police Chief Update. Chief McPhail stated the CIT reports had gone down slightly, since a few individuals were able to get into mental health facility. Chief McPhail noted that they have the individual who covers the phones on long term sick leave since a loved one has been hospitalized so therefore, they do not have someone answering the phones all day every day but there is a voicemail option. Chief McPhail noted they are still one person short on hiring this year and are hoping to find a good candidate and are planning to go to the Policy Academy to see if there is some interest there. Chief McPhail stated he would be gone majority of next week to attend MML conference, but Lieutenant Brent Armstrong would be covering during his absence. Chief McPhail noted he would be on sick leave soon to attend to his wife who is having surgery and needs someone to be there for about two weeks explaining he would be available by phone and can log into the system to do work from home beginning October 2nd. Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. asked Chief to keep them posted on the progress of her recovery.

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Item 6 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve the Consent agenda and adopt it including items a- e: August 26, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$500.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$12,245.59; Bills paid in amount of \$2,703.50 (*Not approved last cycle 8-13-2025*); Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$955.95. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 7 Public Input.

Billy Arnold-44741 S. Farm Road 125, Springfield, MO 65810- lives in city limits that borders Wire Road Brewery for the last 9 years and in the last 3 years there have been a lot more noise but after the most recent event held last Saturday night at the Brewery with their special event that had lots of noise until after 10 p.m. or after and it was excessive. Mr. Arnold stated the HOA secretary text him that she could feel the sound vibrating through the walls at her house so this needs to be resolved because this is unacceptable. My wife leaves early to work, and she is unable to get any peace to sleep, and we cannot enjoy our backyard due to the noise. We need to know what we need to do with this matter.

Mike Davis-4132 W. Farm Road 192, Battlefield, MO 65619-noted he lived on the county side of the property and he did try to work with the owner of Wire Road was told they were willing to do what it took, until this past Friday night sound was so noisy, was told would just have to hear some noise that that the property he was trying to sell was overpriced by one of the owners of the Brewery. Mr. Davis stated he was counting on the City to act. Mr. Davis noted there was a neighbor with a special needs child and that pets are reacting to the abundance of noise as well.

Item 8 Unfinished Business.

None.

Item 9 New Business.

**Item 9a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Change Order Request from K
& B Equipment (Sewer).**

City Administrator stated the contractor was forced to go outside of the scope of work with items needed to finish the project, but the pumps came in at a lower cost which was helpful. Mr. Vanhorn stated the contractor had more work invested since some of the old

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pumps were placed incorrectly and were backwards, so it took more time and effort to install the new units. Mr. Vanhorn noted there were rental costs for the bypass pumps, replace of discharge pipes at all stations (pipe, material, rock, and labor), replacement of the malfunctioning bypass port (D & K), plus replacement of the service racks for (B & K) and the installation of accessory 120 V. power for two generator sets. Mr. Vanhorn feels the change order not to exceed \$42,000.00 would cover all the aforementioned costs. Motion was made by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. to approve the change order request from K & B Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 for the items mentioned. Alderman Matt McNitt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Surplus of Miscellaneous Equipment from City Hall. (Administration). City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated these were items that no longer hold value to the city and during the remodel of the police station area they determined these items could be removed via surplus to not take up room in storage. Mr. Vanhorn stated the majority of items would be taken for scrap metal and the old radios will either be discarded or sold to another city if they can be used since the batteries are obsolete and the City uses the 800-Megahertz format now. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to approve the Surplus of Miscellaneous Equipment from City Hall. (Administration) as listed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Surplus of Generac 600 AMP Transfer Switch (Sewer). City Administrator Tommy Vanhorn stated that this item has been set idle for over a year, and another community needs the item, so we could sell it to them rather than letting the item continue to set and not be utilized. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to approve the surplus of the Generac 600 AMP Transfer Switch (Sewer). Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 9d Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Request for Police Department to enter into Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (Police). Police Chief Chris McPhail noted that the City would need to put in place and based on discussion with

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other municipalities this would be best for our City. Chief McPhail stated he also spoke with our insurance agent from Ollis, Akers, and Arney (Paul Long), who stated the city could receive a discount on our bill for being accredited. Chief McPhail also stated it would have built community confidence in the force to accreditation rather than not having it in place. Chief McPhail stated it would take about 3 years to obtain, and it would cost about \$2,500 per year for the first three years then \$2,000.00 after that to access the software and website necessary to maintain the accreditation program. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve Request for Police Department to enter into Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (*Police*). Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. A vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, and Tim Kelley Sr. and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10 Closed Session.

Item 10a Discussion and Possible Vote(s) concerning Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate per RSMO.610.021. (2). Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to go into executive session at 6:59 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Tim Kelley Sr., Rocky Compton, Samantha Forbes, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated that no vote was taken during executive session. Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to come out of executive session and immediately adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes-Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 11 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Samantha Forbes to come out of executive session and immediately adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 5 Ayes- Doug Cunio, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Alderman Scott Campbell was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

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Mark Crabtree
Mayor-Mark Crabtree

ATTEST:
Beth Anne West
City Clerk-Beth Anne West, City Clerk

Reading and vote: 5 Ayes - Doug Canino, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes,
Roddy Lempson and Tim Lukay Sr. 0 Nays. Alderman Matt McHitt was
absent for the vote. 9-23-2025.
Minutes approved: September 23, 2025.

