

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026**

1. **Ceremonial Matters.**
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Alderman Ben Clemmons.
 - b. **Opening Prayer** led by Alderman Scott Campbell.
2. **Roll Call.** City Clerk Beth Anne West completed the roll call with the following Board members in attendance: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. City Clerk Beth Anne West stated a quorum was present so the meeting could proceed. Staff present were as follows: City Clerk Beth Anne West, City Administrator Chris McPhail, Police Chief Brent Armstrong, and Building Inspector Trey Davis.
3. **Call to order.** Mayor Mark Crabtree brought the meeting to order in City Hall at 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, Mo 65619 at 6:30 p.m.
4. **City Administrator Report.** City Administrator Chris McPhail provided a written report and gave more detail on the following items; SOQ deadline was May 11, 2026, with scoring now occurring with the team reviewing and the results should be available by next meeting. Mr. McPhail noted the Cost-of-Service report should be done by June before the 1st of July to decide on new sewer rates to consider. Mr. McPhail stated that CMT was here in April taking photos of area for Overlay District and is putting all the material together to define it in near future. Mr. McPhail explained the Weaver Road widening and roundabout project started to start the Fall of 2027. Mr. McPhail stated the Elm Street Sidewalk Bid is due May 27, 2026, and will take about 3 months to complete from Cloverdale east to Farm Road 131. Mr. McPhail added the Wilson Creek Trail needs to obtain easements and only one is a private landowner with the other being the City of Springfield who most likely will provide the easement because it is near the SW Treatment Plant (Sewer).
5. **Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda.** Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to approve and adopt the consent agenda including items a-g excluding item e (see highlighted text): May 5, 2026, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes, Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00. Bills paid in the amount of \$88,044.80. Sewer/Parks Refunds paid in the amount of \$599.90. Sewer Adjustments for April 2026 in the amount of \$TBA. April 2026 Bank Reconciliations. April 2026 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. All Board members were present. Motion passed.
6. **Public Input.**

None.
7. **Unfinished Business.**
 - a. None.
8. **New Business.**
 - b. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #26-21 Authorizing City Administrator to Enter into Consulting Agreement with Ollis Center, LLC. and the City of Battlefield for Human Resources and Consulting Services.** City Clerk Beth Anne West read the first reading by title only for Bill #26-21. Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to approve the first reading of Bill #26-21 by title only for the

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first time. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A vote was taken and the vote was 6 Ayes Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed. City Clerk Beth Anne West read the last and final reading of Bill #26-21 by title only. Motion was made by Alderman Doug Cunio to approve the second and final reading of Bill #26-21 by title only for the final time and make it ordinance 26-21. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed.

c. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Preliminary Plat of Stone Meadow Subdivision as Recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Alderman McNitt stated that there were questions presented about boundary lines being incorrect and possible additional stipulations added to the approval. City Administrator Chris McPhail noted the property was reviewed for boundaries and adjacent property owners were gifted back land so that issue was resolved. Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt. to approve the Preliminary Plat of Stone Meadow Subdivision as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Cunio. A vote was taken and the vote was 6 Ayes Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed.

a. **Discussion of Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.**

City Administrator Chris McPhail went over the Salaries then moved onto Capital items for the proposed budget starting with Flock cameras (5) to be purchased to place around City Limits since Springfield has them and surrounding cities could help locate criminals and tighten up ability to track those leaving Springfield going through our city to evade capture. Mr. McPhail stated there would be a policy on the use of the camera based on the Driver's Privacy Act. Mr. McPhail stated he would provide the (hand out)white sheet from the City of Springfield that they put together, and he stated he would e-mail this out to everyone. Mr. McPhail explained audits are done on searches so a state company reviews to make sure the system is not misused. Mr. McPhail noted a shalt hopper would be needed for streets along with a snowplow to replace damaged and/or rusted equipment. Mr. McPhail noted the public works department would need a one-ton flatbed Pickup to allow for picking up supplies, because the vehicles they have now are not conducive to the needs of the department. Mr. McPhail listed an amount of \$80,000.00 for the Truck purchase because he could not get figures since the window to put in an order has passed so he would rather overestimate and pay a lower price than not put enough in the budget. Mr. McPhail noted that all departments could benefit from the purchase of a new copy machine since the other machine has parts that are becoming obsolete. Mr. McPhail stated he is adding the items for the Capital Improvement Plan that was recently approved by the Board for what is to be budgeted for next year. Mr. McPhail ended his presentation on the combined budget and mentioned the revenue items and yearly expenditures and noted at the next meeting he would get into more

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details of the budget with the Board. Alderman Kevin Britt asked about Bank Charges under expenses. Mr. McPhail explained all the different charges incurred for daily operations.

9. Executive Session.

- a. **Discussion and Possible Vote (s) concerning Possible Litigation under RSMo.610.021. (1) Closed Session Closed Vote. Closed Record.** Motion was made by Alderman to Doug Cunio go into executive session at under RSMo.610.021.1 at 7:22 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes- Ayes Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed. Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to go into executive session at under RSMo.610.021.1 at 737 p.m. and to adjourn immediately. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Ben Clemmons, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated no votes were taken during executive session.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion was made by Alderman Scott Campbell to go into executive session at under RSMo.610.021.1 at 737 p.m. and to adjourn immediately. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ben Clemmons. A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was 6 Ayes-Matt McNitt, Ben Clemmons, Kevin Britt, Ashley Anderson, Scott Campbell, and Doug Cunio. 0 Nays. All Board members were present for the vote. Motion passed.

Mark Crabtree Mayor Mark Crabtree 4/2/2026 Date

ATTEST:

Beth Anne West City Clerk Beth Anne West 4-2-2026 Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes: 4 Ayes - Ashley Anderson, Kevin Britt, Ben Clemmons, and Matt McNitt. 0 Nays. Aldermen Doug Cunio and Scott Campbell were absent for the vote.
Date Minutes approved: June 2, 2026

