

**City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026**

Item 1 Ceremonial Matters.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Samantha Forbes
Opening Prayer led by Alderman Matt McNitt.

Item 2 Roll Call.

List those in attendance: Doug Cunio, Scott Campbell, Samantha Forbes, Rocky Compton, Tim Kelley Sr., and Matt McNitt. City Clerk Beth Anne West noted that a quorum was present so the meeting could proceed. All Board members were present for the meeting. Staff in attendance included: Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail, Interim Police Chief Brent Armstrong, Building Inspector Trey Davis, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 3 Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mark Crabtree at Battlefield, City Hall at 5434 S. Tower Drive, Battlefield, MO 65619, at 6:31 p.m.

Item 4 Mayor Report. Mayor Mark Crabtree stated that a new restaurant was opening called Palazzolo's on January 2, 2026, and they want to do a grand opening/ribbon cutting on the 15th of January 2026 at 10 a.m. if anyone would like to attend. Mayor Crabtree stated that he and Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail had recently had a meet and greet at Godfather's for lunch and that it might be a better idea to have dinner at local restaurants in the near future. Discussion followed on what time would be better to start it was determined that either 6 or 7 p.m. on either Monday's or Friday would be better. Mayor Crabtree stated that he had meeting with Revel this week on Friday to discuss Logo Implementation. Mayor Crabtree noted that he would be looking at downtown Redevelopment with Engineer Scott Hansen from CMT soon. Mayor Crabtree noted he had a meeting with Businesses in Battlefield or better known as B. O. B. set for the 13th of January.

Item 5 Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Cunio noted after attending the new restaurant mentioned in the Mayor's Report it is needed to have a Breakfast and Lunch Café as well. Alderman Campbell mentioned talking to citizen by the name of Joe Keltner who was concerned about traffic on North bound Walker to Lewis concern over stop sign and where it is placed suggesting it be moved due to line of sight. Mr. Keltner also suggested speed bumps to slow down traffic. Discussion followed on that area in question. Alderman Campbell also asked about congestion on Daniel street where the new restaurant is

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because it is more congested near the coffee place and is concerned about the fire issue for responders to move freely in this area.

Item 6 Fire/Police Report

Interim Police Chief Brent Armstrong gave a report on the shooting that occurred on the 1st of January 2026 with noting two offenders were in police custody and the victim was recovering and should be going home soon from a hospital stay. Mr. Armstrong thanked the community for being quick to contact the Police Department on seeing the suspects and reporting were they were, so they were apprehended within about 20 minutes. Interim Police Chief Armstrong stated this was an isolated incident. Interim Police Chief Armstrong stated that from initial interviews the issue was related to potential robbery over an inheritance. Interim Police Chief commended the actions of a citizen trying to help care for the person who had been harmed since the perpetrators had not been caught at that time and they were basically in harm's way during this process. Interim Police Chief stated he wanted to acknowledge their action in the near future. No report from Fire District.

Item 7 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to approve and adopt items including a-d: December 16, 2025, Board of Aldermen regular session meeting minutes; Bills to approve in the amount of \$0.00; Bills paid in the amount of \$ 232,892.95; Sewer/Parks-Refunds paid in the amount of \$468.75. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. 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 8 Public Input

None.

Item 9 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 10 a Discussion and Possible Vote to Affirm Mayor's Appointment of Michelle Gipson on Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mrs. Michelle Gipson introduced herself to the Board and had recently moved to Green Ridge Subdivision and has been working in the property management profession since 2001 and wanted to give back to the community by serving. Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to affirm the Mayor's appointment Michelle

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Gipson on Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve #26-R-01, A Resolution Affirming The Board of Aldermen's Support for the Preservation of Governmental Immunity-Missouri For Commercial General Liability and the Authorization by The Board President and/or Mayor To Sign Documentation for The City of Battlefield.

City Clerk Beth Anne West noted this was an annual item that needed to be approved to meet items needed for insurance regulations. Discussion followed. City Clerk Beth Anne West read by title only. Motion was made by Alderman Matt McNitt to approve #26-R-01 by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. 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 10c Review of Building Department Report for 2025.

Building Inspector Trey Davis provided handouts to the Board relating to the number of building permits issued for 2025 including the various types and what the projections were for 2026 which he stated would be similar in number.

Item 10d Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve date to open applications for City Administrator position.

Motion was made by Alderman open applications for City Administrator position from January 1, 2026, to March 3, 2026, including utilizing MML's website, City Website, Indeed and surrounding state's Municipal Leagues. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rocky Compton. 0 Nays. All Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10e Discussion and Possible Vote for Approval of questions for City Administrator interviews.

Mayor Crabtree asked if there were any other questions on the items submitted for the questions to ask the potential candidate for City Administrator in upcoming interviews. Motion was made by Alderman Tim Kelley Sr. to approve the questions for City Administrator interviews after review as submitted. Motion was seconded by Alderman Matt McNitt. 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.

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Item 10f Discussion and Possible Vote for Approval of Street Lights and Update of Project. Interim City Administrator Chris McPhail stated the cost per pole was estimated at \$3,500.00 each and the cost for electricity is not known. Mr. McPhail noted that they originally thought they could locate where bus stops are but after speaking with one of the school districts this would not be feasible since kids age out of using specific stops so they could change so the thought would be to put them at the intersections. Alderman Rocky Compton noted that he nor his neighbors wanted streetlights in their neighborhood. Alderman McNitt suggested a study would be best to find the areas of most need. Discussion occurred on obtaining the number of intersections on the flower streets (older part of town), Mr. McPhail said that Trey Davis had explained to him that the Capital Improvement Plan had a section on this issue and that they had estimated the City had the need for 350 poles that needed to be set so the total price was discussed and it was determined more information would be needed to be obtained so motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to move the next meeting in February of 2026. Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. 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 Executive Session

Item a Discussion and Possible Vote(s) concerning Possible Litigation under RSMO.610.021 (1) Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Item 11b Discussion and Possible Vote(s) concerning Leasing, Purchase, or sale of Real Estate under RSMO.610.021 (2) Closed Session. Closed Vote. Closed Record.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. under RSMO.610.021 (1) & (2) Motion was seconded by Alderman Samantha Forbes. 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 Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into open session and immediately adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. A roll call 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 Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved. Mayor Mark Crabtree noted no votes were taken during executive session.

Item 12 Adjournment.

Motion was made by Alderman Rocky Compton to go into open session and immediately adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Campbell. A roll call vote

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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 Aldermen were present for the vote. Motion approved.

Mark Crabtree
Mayor-Mark Crabtree

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

Reading and vote: *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. 1-20-2026.*
Minutes approved: *January 20, 2026.*

