

City of Battlefield
Board of Aldermen
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2011

Item 1 Call to order

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Aldermen in attendance were as follows: Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, Shawn Billings, and Carolyn Poole. Alderman Absent: Mike Goldenberg and Scott Anderson. Staff present: City Administrator Rick Hess, Police Chief David Vallely, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 2 Ceremonial Matters

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey gave the opening prayer. Alderman Esterline led the pledge of allegiance.

Item 3 Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey passed on the news of the Mayor's son Austin who was born last week. City Administrator Rick Hess stated he visited the Mayor and his family and they were doing well.

Item 4 Mayor Updates

None.

Item 5 City Administrator Updates

City Administrator Rick Hess explained that several roads were resurfaced with a seal coat that should last for about 5-8 years. Mr. Hess stated the City of Springfield had exposed our Force Main (sewer) and the City had received a one call notice but before we could do the locate the Force Main was already exposed and the City of Springfield was attempting to put a flow meter on the sewer line without informing us of the action. Mr. Hess noted in the process it was found the location at the Force Main would not work, so another location near the Regional lift station was found and as of yesterday the Force Main was still exposed. Mr. Hess explained the flow meter will help both Cities determine the correct flow figures because currently they are based off the pump time and there is a chance the pump may not reflect the proper reading. Mr. Hess noted the Flow Meter was a mandate by Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which is why the City of Springfield is requiring them for all the satellite cities that are connected to the City of Springfield's sewer system. Mayor Pro-Tem Hickey was concerned about the filling of the Force Main and the need to have the City supervise to make sure it was done correctly. Mr. Hess stated the area was actually along the Trail of Tears section, so it would have to be put back to the way it was before and he was hoping a representative from Ozark Greenways would be available to review the project. Mr. Hess stated there were a few people that showed up at the Ozarks Transportation Organization's long range transportation planning meeting which was held on October 3, 2011 at the City's Community Room. Mr. Hess commented the City would be hosting a Native American Cultural Day on Saturday, November 19, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Community Center and there would be crafts, vendors, music, and food.

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Item 6 Police Chief Updates

Police Chief Valley noted the new police officer Gary Dove was on Board and his training was progressing. Chief Valley stated an old patrol vehicle was sold for approximately \$1,300.00.

Item 7 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Billings to approve the adoption and approval of the consent agenda items a-f including the following items: September 20, 2011 public hearing minutes-Annexation of Property-5727 S. Highway FF; September 20, 2011 regular session minutes; September 20, 2011 executive session minutes; Bills paid in the amount of \$18,352.95; Bills to approve in the amount of \$47,248.79; Committee and employee reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Carolyn Poole, Shawn Billings, Debra Hickey and Stephen Esterline. 0 Nays. Alderman Anderson was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey asked a guest from the audience to introduce himself. Mr. Jeff Wisdom addressed the Board and the audience and stated he would be running for the District 1 position for the Greene County Commission and was attending this meeting to get a feel for any issues the City is facing or needs to address.

Item 8 Public Input

None.

Item 9 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 10a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Annual Audit presented by Marshall Decker of Decker and DeGood.

Mr. Marshall Decker of Decker and DeGood provided a presentation of Annual Audit for the Board and audience. Mr. Decker noted on page 1 of the audit it reflected the City received a clean opinion which is the best review a City can receive. Mr. Decker noted the City was in a solid financial position. Mr. Decker explained there was a typo on Page 24 with an amount stated as \$217,758 which should be \$17,758, and that he would be replacing this page in the audit. Mr. Decker noted the City has more funds than necessary in reserves and Mr. Decker noted these funds related to sewer could be used for major projects to cover improvements and major repairs for the Sewer Department. Motion was made by Billings to approve the annual audit as presented by Marshall Decker of Decker and DeGood. Motion was seconded by Alderman Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, Shawn Billings and Carolyn Poole. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

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Item 10b **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Appointment for Board of Adjustments member.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey appointed Colleen Ellis to the Board of Adjustments for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2016. Motion was made by Alderman Billings to affirm and approve the Mayor Pro-Tem's appointment of Colleen Ellis to the Board of Adjustments for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2016. Motion was seconded by Alderman Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Carolyn Poole, Shawn Billings, Debra Hickey, and Stephen Esterline. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10c **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Appointment for Planning and Zoning Commission Member**

Mayor Pro-Tem appointed Mark Mais to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2015. Motion was made by Alderman Billings to approve the Mayor Pro-Tem's appointment of Mark Mais to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2015. Motion was seconded by Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, Shawn Billings and Carolyn Poole. 0 Nays. Alderman Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10d **Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Economic Development Committee Member.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hickey appointed Steve Reith to the Economic Development Committee for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 30, 2014. Motion was made by Alderman Esterline to approve the Mayor Pro-Tem's appointment of Steve Reith to the Economic Development Committee for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Billings. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Carolyn Poole, Shawn Billings, Debra Hickey, and Stephen Esterline. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hickey appointed Nick Penka to the Economic Development Committee for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 30, 2014. Motion was made by Alderman Esterline to approve the Mayor Pro-Tem's appointment of Nick Penka to the Economic Development Committee for a period of November 1, 2011 to October 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Billings. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Carolyn Poole, Shawn Billings, Debra Hickey, and Stephen Esterline. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

A five minute recess was taken before going into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

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Item 11 **Executive Session**

Motion was made by Alderman Billings to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. for discussion and possible vote concerning: Potential Litigation, hiring, firing, discipline and/or promotion of employee(s), Personnel Records, Performance Ratings, or Records Pertaining to Employees or Applicants for Employment; per RSMo 610.021. (1), (3), & (13). Closed session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. Motion was seconded by Alderman Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes: Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, Shawn Billings and Carolyn Poole. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Billings to go into open session at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, Shawn Billings and Carolyn Poole. 0 Nays. Alderman Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Debra Hickey noted no votes had been taken during executive session.

Item 12 **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Alderman Poole to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Billings. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Carolyn Poole, Shawn Billings, Debra Hickey, and Stephen Esterline. 0 Nays. Aldermen Goldenberg and Anderson were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

_____ Mayor Aaron Kruse _____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk _____ Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes:

Minutes Approved: