

**THE CITY OF BATTLEFIELD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2012**

**Item 1 Call to order**

Mayor Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Battlefield City Hall. The following Board members were present: Mike Goldenberg, Scott Anderson, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline, and Debra Hickey. Alderman Absent: Shawn Billings. Also present were City Administrator Rick Hess, City Clerk Beth Anne West, City Attorney Jim Kelly, and Chief of Police David Valley.

**Item 2 Ceremonial matters**

The invocation was led by Mayor Aaron Kruse. Alderman Mike Goldenberg led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3 Announcements**

Mayor Kruse announced the annual Missouri Municipal League (MML) conference had changed both the dates and the location due to the damage at the Branson Landing from the tornado in February. Mayor Kruse stated it would be September 16-19<sup>th</sup> at Tan-Tar-a resort in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Mayor Kruse noted if any of the Board members are interested to let City Clerk Beth Anne West know so arrangements can be made. City Administrator Rick Hess stated the Newly Elected Officials Training would be held in June on the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, Missouri also hosted by MML and is a very good opportunity for new Board members. Mayor Kruse stated he would give more details on the notebooks that are located on everyone's desks under new business. Mayor Kruse read aloud a proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week that is April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> for all of the clerks City Hall. Mayor Kruse thanked City Clerk Beth Anne West and all the other Clerks for all their hard work. Mayor Kruse read the Resolution received by the House of Representatives from the State of Missouri regarding the Trail of Tears designation. Mayor Kruse thanked Mr. Hess for all his work on seeing the dedication come to fruition.

**Item 4 Mayor updates**

Mayor Kruse stated the inaugural Easter egg event was great with three times as many as what was planned on, in attendance with nothing but good feedback. Mayor Kruse stated the Chairman of the Parks Board and the Parks Board did a tremendous job on the event. Mayor Kruse noted the Tree Give-Away went well because it was well organized by Bob Ranney and the Parks Board.

**Item 5 City Administrator updates**

City Administrator Rick Hess noted he received a letter from FEMA regarding the City about flood risks to the City and he would be checking into this because the City is not in a floodplain. Mr. Hess mentioned receiving a letter from the City of Republic regarding an annexation of Highway Right-of-Way (MM Highway) and the City is within the 5 mile limit so he would be responding to the letter as requested for the proposed equine facility in

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Republic. Mr. Hess commented on the information he gave the Board discussing the taxes the City may lose for out of state vehicle taxes due to a state statute change, so Oppenheimer a group that handles municipal bonds put together a form showing what each city and county and Battlefield could lose \$13,000 per year. Mr. Hess noted legislators are trying to pass a law to correct this issue, so cities and counties will not lose this revenue. Mr. Hess noted Police Chief Vallely recently had surgery on his knee and should be back to work soon. Mr. Hess noted that the Building Inspector had hurt his hand off duty and was doing well. Mr. Hess commented that Finance Officer Patricia Zimdars was elected as President of the South West Government Finance Officer Association (SWGFOA).

**Item 6 Fire Chief updates**

Fire Chief Newberry thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their support regarding the sales tax that was passed at the recent Election in April. Chief Newberry stated his Board met on the 10<sup>th</sup> and stressed the fact they have free smoke alarms to Battlefield citizens if they do not have them and they will install them and bring batteries, if needed. Chief Newberry discussed a grant he is working on for a structural collapse system through FEMA to be able to do regional training especially after the tornado in Joplin it would be good to be prepared then heavy rescue could be brought in to stabilize the structure. Chief Newberry mentioned the ISO rating and that the district is on their way to prepare for the review by 2013. Chief Newberry stated last month was busy with 225 incidents and the average is 190.

**Item 7 Adoption and approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Alderman Debra Hickey to approve and adopt the consent agenda including the following items a-f, April 3, 2012 regular session meeting minutes; Bills to pay in the amount of \$105,952.20; Bills paid in the amount of \$ 11,101.66; July 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012; sewer billing adjustments summary in the amount of \$3,303.22; Sewer billing adjustments for month of March 2012 in amount of \$838.42; Committee and employee reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Mike Goldenberg, Scott Anderson, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 8 Public Input**

None.

**Item 9a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Election Results for April 3, 2012, General Municipal Election.**

Motion was made by Alderman Stephen Esterline to approve the election results for April 3, 2012, General Municipal Election. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn

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Poole, Scott Anderson, and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 9 b Recognition of outgoing Ward II Board of Aldermen Member.**

Scott Anderson Ward II Alderman was given a certificate of appreciation by Mayor Kruse. Mayor Kruse thanked Mr. Anderson for his dedication and service to the City. Mayor Kruse asked that a 10 minutes recess be taken to partake in some refreshments in Mr. Anderson's honor at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Kruse called the meeting back to order at 7:55 p.m.

**Item 10 a-d Swearing in of Elected Officials**

Mayor Aaron Kruse was sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West. Ward One Alderman Stephen Esterline; Ward Two Alderman Charles Yates; and Ward Three Alderman Debra Hickey were sworn in by City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Mayor Kruse noted the two notebooks that had been given to the Board that he and City Clerk Beth Anne West had collaborated on to provide the Board a resource book and workbook to have for reference for Board meetings and such. Mayor Kruse asked for the Board to review them and make any suggestions for improvements or additions.

**Item 11 a Nominate and Vote to Elect President of the Board.**

Mayor Kruse asked for nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Alderman Stephen Esterline to nominate Debra Hickey again to serve as Acting President of the Board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Goldenberg. Mayor Kruse asked if there were any other nominations hearing none, motions ceased. Alderman Debra Hickey accepted the nomination. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Mike Goldenberg, Charles Yates, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 11 b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Bill #12-06, An Ordinance Approving Annexing Certain Properties Owned by Judith A. Finnell Located at 3651 W. Farm Road 178, Into the City of Battlefield.**

Motion was made by Alderman Stephen Esterline to amend Ordinance Bill #12-06 to add Judith A. Finnell after the word 2012 in the first line of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes- Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, Charles Yates, and Mike Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Aldermen Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Motion was made by Alderman Mike Goldenberg to have the first reading of Bill #12-06 as amended by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes- Mike Goldenberg, Charles Yates, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Motion approved. The Bill #12-06 was read by title only for the first

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time by City Clerk Beth Anne West. Motion was made by Alderman Mike Goldenberg to approve the first reading of Bill #12-06 by title only as amended. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, Charles Yates, and Mike Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Motion was made by Alderman Debra Hickey to have the second reading of Bill #12-06 by title only as amended. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes- Mike Goldenberg, Charles Yates, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline, and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Bill #12-06 was read by title only for the second time by City Clerk Beth Anne West. Motion was made by Alderman Mike Goldenberg to approve the second reading of Bill #12-06 by title only as amended for final passage and to make it ordinance #12-06. Motion was seconded by Alderman Carolyn Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes-Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, Charles Yates, and Mike Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 11 c Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Property Line Fencing for Lift Station H.**

City Administrator Rick Hess discussed the type of work needed for fencing at the Regional Lift Station noting the fence needed to be re-stretched. Mr. Hess also noted that at Lift Station H fencing needed to be installed to protect the City from liability issues and to protect the lift station because people were driving across the City's property. Mr. Hess explained he would rather put in a privacy (wooden) fence rather than a chain link fence and it would be 6 foot high. Motion was made by Carolyn Poole to approve the Regional Lift Station Fencing to be tightened by Anchor Fence in an amount not to exceed \$300. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes-Mike Goldenberg, Charles Yates, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline, and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Discussion followed on the possible need to add another gate to make the Lift station accessible for repair and if the fence was staggered it might hold up better to weather. Motion was made by Alderman Mike Goldenberg authorized the City Administrator to contact Anchor Fencing to determine if it would significantly increase the cost to add an additional 5 foot gate and to stagger the fencing for Lift station H, so not to exceed \$2,900. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, Charles Yates, and Mike Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

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**Item 11 d Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Company to do Camera Work & Repairs to Sewer Lines as Necessary.**

City Administrator Rick Hess gave input on the companies that had been contacted to do camera work and repair work on various sewer lines within the City to try to reduce inflow and infiltration within the City. Mr. Hess explained the definitions of inflow and infiltration to the Board. The Board reviewed the various pricing from the different companies and found they were not all alike and that some could not do the repair but only the camera work. Mr. Hess explained there would be sufficient funds in the sewer fund and the surplus funds for sewer to make the necessary repairs. Consensus from the Board of Aldermen was to go back to the companies to see if they could all provide similar quotes either by hour or by foot for the camera work to make it easier to make a decision. No vote was taken.

**Item 11 e Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve two New Signatories on Bank Accounts for Check Signing purposes and Bonding Requirements.**

Motion was made by Alderman Carolyn Poole to reapprove Debra Hickey to all accounts, add Alderman Mike Goldenberg to all accounts, and to remove outgoing Alderman Ward II Scott Anderson from all accounts for all Bank Accounts for Check Signing purposes and bonding requirements. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes- Mike Goldenberg, Charles Yates, Carolyn Poole, Stephen Esterline and Debra Hickey. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

**Item 12 Adjournment**

Motion was made by Alderman Carolyn Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Charles Yates. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes- Debra Hickey, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, Charles Yates, and Mike Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Alderman Shawn Billings was absent for the vote. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Aaron Kruse \_\_\_\_\_ Date

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes:

Minutes Approved:

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