

**THE CITY OF BATTLEFIELD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011,**

Item 1 Call to order

Mayor Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Marc Cerce Pastor from Assembly of God Church gave the opening prayer. Alderman Shawn Billings led the pledge of allegiance. Aldermen in attendance were as follows: Shawn Billings, Mike Goldenberg, Scott Anderson, and Debra Hickey. Alderman Absent: Aldermen Poole and Esterline. Staff present: City Administrator Rick Hess, Police Chief David Vallely, City Attorney Jim Kelly and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 2 Ceremonial Matters

Mayor Kruse asked Mr. Bob Ranney former Chairman for the Park Advisory Board to come forward to be recognized with a certificate of appreciation for all of his hard work for the City. Mayor Kruse noted the 4th of July Celebration was a success and the Park looked beautiful. Mr. Ranney stated he would be helping the City in the spring with the Native Tree Program.

Item 3 Announcements

Mayor Kruse noted there would be a meeting about the housing market sponsored by the Home Builders Association on Tuesday September 30, 2011, at the Hilton in Springfield. Mayor Kruse noted he had started a Blog section on the website to converse with citizens and he hoped to avoid the use of any inappropriate language on the Blog by individuals who would be using the Blog to communicate with him. City Administrator Rick Hess noted that if the Transportation Bill did not pass on September 30th it would throw a wrench in the money available for the STP funds which would affect the City. Mr. Hess noted he received a thank you e-mail from Jim Smith from Greene County about the Annual Meeting held in Battlefield on August 22, 2011. Mr. Hess noted the Steam Engine Show would be held off Highway 60 in Republic on September 15-18th for anyone that was interested and information about the event was displayed in the lobby of City Hall.

Item 4 Mayor Updates

Mayor Kruse stated he had no written updates and that with the impending birth of his child he would be taking some time off which could happen within the next 2-3 weeks.

Item 5 City Administrator Updates

City Administrator Rick Hess stated the sludge was taken out of lift stations and upon the first visit from Ace Pipe Cleaning they had mechanical issues with the truck being used, so they had to make another trip with another truck which was larger to finish the job. Mr. Hess stated the City would now be able to use a local firm to do the cleaning on a more regular basis. Mr. Hess stated due to the inconvenience Ace Pipe

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Cleaning would take off \$500 from the set-up fee and since we placed the order within 30 days another \$500 was taken off the total so instead of \$3,200 it would only cost the City \$2,200. Mr. Hess explained the City would be hosting the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) to discuss long range planning for the area and it would be held on October 3, 2011 at the Community Room and additional information would be placed on the website, face book and the next newsletter. The meeting would be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Mr. Hess reported to the Board the federal government has mandated the signals used for the emergency sirens be a narrow band and the city's sirens are a wide band, so it will cost between \$3,000 to \$3,500 and it would be later in the year before we could have a company come down to fix two of the newer sirens and the two older sirens that are set off locally would not be altered. Mr. Hess informed the Board the City received authorization had been received to send out bids to finish the Cloverdale sidewalk project, so a request for bids would be going out the end of September in the Republic Monitor and hopefully the project would begin soon. Mr. Hess explained he had been approached about hosting a Native American Storytelling event in the Community Room at City Hall on November 19th from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., which used to be held in Springfield at the Borders store but since it is closed they need a new location.

Item 6 Police Chief Update

A written update was provided to the Board. Chief Vallely noted the 2002 Crown Victoria Car was sold via Property Room.com online and the City should be receiving payment soon.

Item 7 Adoption and Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Alderman Billings to adopt and approve the consent agenda including the following items a-d, August 16, 2011 regular session minutes; August 30, 2011 special session minutes; Bills paid in the amount of \$79,932.16; Committee and employee reports. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hickey. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Debra Hickey aye, Scott Anderson aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, and Shawn Billings aye. 0 Nays. Aldermen Poole and Esterline was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8 Public Input

Robert Groves of 4649 W. 3rd Street wanted to address the Board regarding the Police Department and the Mayor suggested the discussion be held during Executive (closed) Session.

Item 9 Unfinished Business

None.

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Item 10 a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resolution #11-R-07, a Resolution Concerning Voluntary Annexation.

Motion was made by Alderman Hickey to adopt and approve Resolution #11-R-07 a Resolution Concerning Voluntary Annexation as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Shawn Billings aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, Scott Anderson aye, and Debra Hickey aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole and Esterline were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 10 b Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Purchase of Hoist for Regional Lift Station (Sewer).

City Administrator Rick Hess explained the reason for purchasing the hoist to make it easier to get to the pumps in the lift station since the current hoist is subjected to the outside elements and is showing signs of wear. Mr. Hess added it takes 2-4 people to use the current hoist. Mr. Hess noted he was recommending Evans Enterprises because they offered quarterly inspections of the hoist for the first year with their bid. Motion was made by Alderman Hickey to accept the bid from Evans Enterprises with the items included on the bid for the purchase of a hoist for the regional lift station (sewer) in the amount of \$3,360.00 with the understanding the reason the bid was accepted was because of the inspection option on the bid. The motion was seconded by Alderman Billings. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Shawn Billings aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, Scott Anderson aye, and Debra Hickey aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole and Esterline were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Alderman Esterline entered the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Item 11 Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Goldenberg to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m. under RSMO.610.021.3 hiring, firing, and/or promoting of employee(s). Closed Session Closed Vote. Closed Record. The motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Stephen Esterline aye, Shawn Billings aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, Scott Anderson aye, and Debra Hickey aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Billings to go out of executive session at 9:16 p.m. under RSMO.610.021.3 hiring, firing, and/or promoting of employee(s). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hickey. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes- Stephen Esterline aye, Shawn Billings aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, Scott Anderson aye, and Debra Hickey aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved. Mayor Kruse stated no votes were taken during executive session.

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Item 12 Adjournment

Motion was made by Alderman Billings to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at City Hall on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes-Debra Hickey aye, Scott Anderson aye, Mike Goldenberg aye, Shawn Billings aye, and Stephen Esterline aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Item 1 Call to Order

Mayor Aaron Kruse reconvened the Board of Aldermen meeting of September 6, 2011 at Battlefield City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2011, at Battlefield City Hall. Aldermen present were: Debra Hickey; Scott Anderson; Stephen Esterline; Mike Goldenberg; and Shawn Billings. Alderman Absent: Carolyn Poole. Staff present: City Administrator Rick Hess and City Attorney Jim Kelly.

Item 2 Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Hickey to go into closed session at 7:02 p.m. for discussion and possible vote concerning hiring, firing, discipline and/or promotion of employee(s) per RSMo 610.021(3). Closed session. Closed Vote. Closed Record. Motion was seconded by Alderman Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes: Aldermen Hickey aye, Alderman Anderson aye; Alderman Esterline aye, Alderman Goldenberg aye, and Alderman Billings aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Alderman Goldenberg to go into open session at 9:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hickey. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 Ayes- Aldermen Hickey aye; Alderman Anderson aye; Alderman Esterline aye, Alderman Goldenberg aye; and Alderman Billings aye. 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Mayor Kruse announced that in closed session a motion was made, duly seconded and voted unanimously to hire Gary Dove as a full-time Police Officer for the City of Battlefield effective Thursday, September 15, 2011. Mayor Kruse noted another vote was taken during closed session but could not be disclosed at this time.

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Item 3 Adjournment

Motion duly made and seconded to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 5 ayes-Alderman Hickey aye, Alderman Anderson aye; Alderman Esterline aye; Alderman Goldenberg aye; Alderman Billings aye; 0 Nays. Alderman Poole was absent for the vote. Motion approved.

_____ Mayor Aaron Kruse

_____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk

_____ Date

Reading and Vote to Approve Minutes:

Minutes Approved: