

**THE CITY OF BATTLEFIELD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011,**

Item 1            Call to order

Mayor Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Battlefield City Hall. Aldermen in attendance were as follows: Shawn Billings, Stephen Esterline, Carolyn Poole, and Debra Hickey. Alderman Absent: Alderman Mike Goldberg and Alderman Scott Anderson. Staff present: City Administrator Rick Hess, City Attorney Jim Kelly, Police Chief David Vallely, and City Clerk Beth Anne West.

Item 2            Ceremonial Matters

Reverend Gordon Barnett from Assembly of God gave the opening prayer. Alderman Billings gave the pledge of allegiance.

Item 3            Announcements

Mayor Kruse announced the days to file for the General Municipal Election in April which would be December 13, 2011 beginning at 8 a.m. and would end on January 17, 2011 at 5 p.m. Mayor Kruse stated if anyone was interested in attending the tour in Strafford of the John Deere plant on November 21, 2011, to contact City Administrator Rick Hess. Mayor Kruse mentioned the Santa and the City would be held on Saturday December 10, 2011. Mayor Kruse mentioned that Planning and Zoning Member Mike Nichols was listed in the Springfield Business Journal for the 40 under 40 Business Professionals this year.

Item 4            Mayor Updates

Mayor Kruse noted his church First Baptist in Battlefield would be hold a Thanksgiving Service and a meal afterwards that would begin at 7 p.m. Alderman Esterline commented that he attend a recent court session and felt it was professional experience and that the Prosecuting Attorney did a great job too. Mayor Kruse noted the City would be hosting a Native American Cultural Day this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Item 5            City Administrator Updates

City Administrator Rick Hess noted the notice of award was signed for the Cloverdale and Elm Street Sidewalk project and a pre-construction conference would be held soon and if the weather holds the projects could be completed before the end of December. Alderman Hickey noted she saw a child walking in the street in Cloverdale so it would be nice if the sidewalks were completed soon. Mr. Hess commented that the Tax revenues were up for Transportation by 14% month to date and the sales tax was up 21% this month. Mr. Hess reported the balances for the end of October's bank balances at \$146,754.00 for Park, \$269,380.00, and General Fund at \$251,683.00.

Item 6 Fire Chief Updates

Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Reynolds the Fire Department had one of their truck's involved in a collision and the damage is estimated at \$16,000 but everyone is ok. Mr. Reynolds noted they have reserve apparatus in use until the truck is repaired. Mr. Reynolds explained they are working on the preparing the final budget for December 2011, with nothing major other than operational expenditures like generators and such. Mr. Reynolds noted they have dozens of 9 volt batteries for the use of all residents for their smoke alarms which is sponsored by Energizer. Mr. Reynolds noted the Fire Department just went through the hiring process for 2 vacancies and is set to hire for those positions. Mr. Reynolds explained they had been awarded a grant for a display to show a home with a sprinkler system and one without. Mr. Reynolds noted his department may be using the Community Room on the 17<sup>th</sup> for their annual Banquet. Mr. Reynolds spoke of a Green Sheets Program they have put in place for Firefighters when they go above and beyond providing two recent instances that had occurred and been recognized. Mr. Hess thanked Dennis and all the Firefighters who helped the City decorate for the City Hall Haunt.

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-e including the following items: November 1, 2011 regular session minutes; November 1, 2011 executive session minutes: Bills paid in the amount of \$9,221.38; Bills to approve in the amount of \$63,809.53, & Committee and employee reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hickey. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes- Debra Hickey aye, Carolyn Poole aye, Stephen Esterline aye, and Shawn Billings aye. 0 Nays. Aldermen Anderson and Goldenberg were absent for the vote. Motion approved.

Item 8 Public Input

None.

Item 9 Unfinished Business

None.

Item 10 a Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Service Agreement with Missouri State University for the James River (MS4/TMDL) Monitoring Plan Implementation Amendment #1.

City Administrator Rick Hess stated the City was mandated to be involved in this project and was lucky enough to have MSU do the measurements instead of having to find someone to do the testing for the City. Mr. Hess noted the discharge into the tributaries of Wilson Creek to make sure an overabundance of solids is not discharged into the creek. Mr. Hess added the funds come out of the Parks Department for storm water and are sufficient to cover the increase of \$30,000 to \$33,000 for amendment #1 as requested by MSU, which will affect all cities involved in the monitoring plan. Motion was made

