

Board of Aldermen Minutes
May 17, 2011

Item 1 call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Aaron Kruse. The Aldermen present were: Stephen Esterline, Michael Goldenberg, Carolyn Poole, and Scott Anderson. Alderwoman Debra Hickey and Shawn Billings were absent for the meeting.

Item 2 ceremonial matters

The invocation was given by Mayor Kruse. The pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Alderman Esterline.

Item 3 announcements

Announcements were submitted in writing. Mayor Kruse mentioned the Gold program offered through Missouri State University (MSU) and there are a number of elected officials that recommended the training. Mayor Kruse noted scholarships were available either through MSU or through the City, so please let our City Administrator Rick Hess know.

Item 4 Mayor updates

The Mayor updates were submitted in writing.

Item 5 City Administrator updates

The City Administrator updates were submitted in writing. City Administrator Rick Hess mentioned the Draft of the Sewer Rate Study provided to the Board for review and if there are any questions to contact him before the next Board meeting because the issue will be discussed then. Mr. Hess mentioned the City had received approval on the Historic Site Designation regarding the Trail of Tears. Mr. Hess commented that there is a display of Native American Indian items and the Revolutionary War items at Greene County's courthouse in the Rotunda that will be there until the end of the month and then will be moved to Battlefield's City Hall and will stay until July 4th with the possibility of more displays in the future. Mr. Hess reminded the Board members of the Legislative Update dinner to be held in Nevada on June 8th and if anyone else is interested in attending to contact him or the City Clerk. Mr. Hess mentioned the Weaver Road widening project and the sidewalk will be removed and once school was out more work will begin.

Alderman Esterline thanked the City and the Board for the flowers sent to his family in response to his father's passing.

Item 6 Fire Chief updates

None provided.

Item 7 APB quarterly updates

Mayor Kruse noted an update would be given at the next Board meeting.

Item 8 Adoption and approval of consent agenda

Motion was made by Esterline to adopt and approve the consent agenda which included April 19, 2011 executive session minutes; May 3, 2011 regular session minutes; May 3, 2011 executive session minutes; Bills to pay in the amount of \$129,183.37; and Committee and employee reports. The motion was seconded by Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 Ayes-Esterline aye, Poole aye, Anderson aye, and Goldenberg. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 9. Public Input

- a. Darrin Snodgrass – **recent crime in City.**-Mr. Darrin Snodgrass of 4869 S. Old Wire Road in Battlefield, addressed the Board about the recent crime within the City and his concerns for the public's safety with regard to the City's Police Department. Mr. Snodgrass noted the City does not currently have police on duty 24 hours a day.
- b. Bob Miller-**Return of Easement**-Mr. Bob Miller of 1311 S. Blakey noted he lived outside the City limits of Battlefield and he would like to be placed on the next agenda for

consideration by the Board of Aldermen to return the City's easement to him. Mr. Miller explained there was more than one easement on his property regarding the sewer line associated with the City of Battlefield and that one had been relinquished, so there were still two easements on his property and he wanted the easement on the very back part of his property to be returned to him. Mr. Miller provided a handout to the Board and the Mayor to review for reference. Mayor Kruse told Mr. Miller the Board would be in touch about the easement.

A motion was made by Goldenberg to move item 11 A in front of item 10A to allow the representative from Allied Waste to complete his presentation rather than waiting for all the unfinished business to be discussed first. The motion was seconded by Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Goldenberg aye, Anderson aye, Poole aye, and Esterline aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 11a **Presentation from Possible Solid Waste Preferred Provider-Allied Waste.** Presentation provided by Chris Snider from Allied Waste Company regarding solid waste services and the preferred provider program offered by his company. Mr. Snider explained the pricing associated with the services, which was \$13.50 per month which included a trash cart and a cart for recycling would also be provided to all customers. City Administrator Rick Hess noted an additional line could be added to the sewer billing for those citizens who wanted to use Allied Waste and the City would receive \$0.50 for each customer within the City limits of Battlefield.

Mr. Snider noted this agreement would be different because from a single provider contract because if another company wanted to provide service to the citizens they would be eligible to do so. Mr. Hess noted if approved by the Board of Aldermen and the City Attorney the agreement could go into effect either the 1st of July or August. Mr. Hess explained a sample letter like the one provided to the Board could be sent out with the sewer bills. Mr. Snider noted the recycling carts would be picked up every other week and the trash carts would be picked up every week. Mr. Snider noted that included with the proposal the City would receive free trash service and would provide trash services for the July 4th Festival. Mr. Snider noted that only those citizens that want Allied Waste will become customers and those who do not want service will not have to use Allied Waste. Mr. Snider explained that if a citizen does not pay their trash portion of the bill then the City would just contact their offices and their trash service would be shut off. A motion was made by Alderman Anderson to move forward with the provider agreement and contingent upon the City Attorney's approval. The motion was seconded by Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Esterline aye, Poole aye, Anderson aye, and Goldenberg aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 10 a **Discussion and Possible Vote Concerning Employee Assessment**

Mayor Kruse went over the items he had discussed with Alderman Billings since the last Board meeting and asked if anyone had any further additions/deletions and or discussion. Mayor Kruse stated he would like to see this form implemented soon and he would like to see the form filled out about every 6 months. Mayor Kruse noted if there were no additions he would like to see the form adopted as presented and to have the City Attorney add a section in the Personnel Manual for the new form. Alderman Goldenberg felt the word "upper" in the second paragraph should be changed to "above." A motion was made by Goldenberg to Adopt the Employee Assessment form with one change to the second paragraph by removing the word "upper" to "above," and to have the City Attorney add a section in the Personnel Manual for this new form. The motion was seconded by Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Goldenberg aye, Anderson aye, Poole aye, Esterline aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings was absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 10 b **Discussion and Possible Vote Concerning Business License Policy Draft 11-02**

City Administrator Rick Hess noted he had spoken with Alderman Hickey since the last Board meeting and had incorporated her concerns in the business license draft provided to the Board for possible approval tonight. Mayor Kruse stated he felt this policy along with other policies that were to be added would raise the professionalism of the City and provide a procedure guide for staff to reference in the future. Mayor Kruse felt it was best to take all of the policies to be created in smaller pieces so it would not seem overwhelming. A motion was made by Alderman Esterline to adopt the Business License Policy 11-02 as presented. The

motion was seconded by Alderman Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Esterline aye, Poole aye, Anderson aye, and Goldenberg aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 10 c Discussion and Possible Vote Concerning Stop-Work Order Policy Draft 11-03

The Board discussed the Stop-Work Order policy which was associated with the business license policy just adopted. A motion was made by Alderman Anderson to Adopt the Stop-Work Order Policy 11-03. The motion was seconded by Poole. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Goldenberg aye, Anderson aye, Poole aye, and Esterline aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 10 d Discussion and Possible Vote Concerning Draft Budget 2011-2012

The budget was discussed by the Board and it was determined the budget would be discussed further at the next Board meeting and a possible Saturday meeting to approve the budget if necessary.

Item 10 e Discussion and Possible Vote Concerning renaming City Parks

A motion was made by Alderman Esterline to approve the suggestion of the Park Board to rename the City Parks as “**Cherokee Trail of Tears Park**” for the park located near City Hall and “**Butterfield Stage Park**” for the pocket park. The motion was seconded by Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Goldenberg aye, Anderson aye, Poole aye, and Esterline aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 11 b Discuss and possible vote to put PD sales tax on the April 2012 ballot

A motion was made by Goldenberg to put the PD Sales Tax on the April 2012 ballot. The motion was seconded by Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Esterline aye, Poole aye, Anderson aye, and Goldenberg aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

Item 12 Adjournment

A motion was made by Poole to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was 4 ayes-Goldenberg aye, Anderson Aye, Poole Aye, and Esterline Aye. 0 Nays. Alderwoman Hickey and Alderman Billings were absent for the vote. The motion passed.

_____ Mayor Aaron Kruse

_____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk

_____ Date

Reading and vote to Approve Minutes:

Minutes Approved: