

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

Item 1 call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Judy Stainback. Aldermen present were Stephen Esterline, Jill Finney, Debra Hickey, and Darrin Snodgrass. Aldermen absent were Tim Bair and Aaron Kruse.

Item 2 presentation of colors

The presentation of colors was conducted by Boy Scout Troop #216.

Item 3 pledge of allegiance

The United States Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #216.

Item 4 announcements

Announcements were submitted in writing to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Debra Hickey announced that the MML Conference went well. MML is looking for a new Director, as Gary Markenson is resigning.

Item 5 motion on adoption and approval of consent agenda

A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to adopt and approve the consent agenda which includes September 15, 2009 minutes; September 25, 2009 minutes; bills paid in the amount of \$19,057.43; September 2009 sewer adjustments in the amount of - \$535.77; August 2009 bank reconciliations; August 2009 financials; September 2009 committee and employee reports; DNR/SRF project reports. The motion was seconded by Debra Hickey. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 6 City Administrator updates

The City Administrator, Rick Hess, submitted his updates in writing to the Board of Aldermen and answered questions about the submitted updates.

Item 7 public input

No one signed up to speak.

Item 8a annual audit report

The City Auditor, Marshall Decker, presented the 2008-2009 independent auditors' report to the Board of Aldermen both verbally and in writing. The following observations were made:

- The General Fund is currently in good shape. The fund balance is approximately ½ of a years expenses.
- The General Fund had a gain of \$138,152.
- The Park Fund had a loss of \$5,663.
- The Sewer Fund had a loss of \$13,119.
- By doing a 3% to 5% increase in sewer rates starting now, it would be more efficient financially instead of waiting 2-4 years down the road and having to raise the rates 20% to 50% all at once.
- No comments or changes requested this year from the Auditor. No issues in City bookkeeping for 2008-2009.

Item 8b motion on applying for Enhanced Enterprise Zone

City Administrator, Rick Hess, explained to the Board of Aldermen what an Enhanced Enterprise Zone is. The EEZ is normally reserved for economically disadvantaged entities. The City of Battlefield does not qualify, as we have such a high average household income. Because of the large amount of natural disasters throughout the state the last few years, the normal qualifying rules for EEZ have been waived. The City of Battlefield can qualify for this project, if it applies before January 28, 2010. If the City had an EEZ, it could provide up to a 50% tax break for up to 5 years for certain targeted industries. A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to present the EEZ idea to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jill Finney. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 9a postpone sewer rate increase Bill #09-23

A motion was made by Jill Finney to postpone item 9a until the October 20, 2009 meeting when all Aldermen are present. The motion was seconded by Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Mayor Stainback broke the tie with an aye vote. Motion passed.

Item 9b motion concerning putting ½ cent sales tax increase on the April 2010 ballot

A motion was made by Jill Finney to authorize City Clerk to investigate procedures to put a ½ cent sales tax increase for police department use only on the April 2010 ballot. The motion was seconded by Debra Hickey. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline nay, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass nay. Mayor Stainback broke the tie with an aye vote. Motion passed.

Item 10a closed session

A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to go into closed session for discussion and possible vote concerning hiring, firing, promoting, or disciplining of employees under Section 610.021(3)RSMo. The motion was seconded by Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. The Board of Aldermen went into closed session at 8:23 pm.

A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Jill Finney. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. The Board of Aldermen came out of closed session at 8:42 pm.

Mayor Judy Stainback announced that there was no vote taken in closed session.

Item 11 adjournment

A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jill Finney. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey aye, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

_____ Judy Stainback, Mayor

_____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ Susan R Diehl, CMC/MRCC

_____ Date