

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on May 13, 2021, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley Mayor
Randy White Alderman
Jane Hoover Alderman
Larry Cory Alderman
Bert Lawson Alderman

Deputy Chief Dave Gallaher
Jessica Shaw, City Clerk/Attorney

Community members: 3

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:00 p.m. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021, and today's agenda. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- A resident addressed the Council to express her thanks to the police department and city officials for being so thorough and attentive in their response and investigation of a recent property crime.

POLICE REPORT

- Deputy Chief Gallaher reported on April 2021 police activity and copy of police report given to Aldermen. Deputy Chief Gallaher further reported on the state of law enforcement activity in surrounding areas and assistance provided to other departments.
- Per Deputy Chief Gallaher, notice letters have been issued to property owners deemed to be in violation of the City's nuisance ordinances.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the April 2021 court report, with 24 cases resolved and total revenues of \$1868.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Lawson offered the following reports/remarks:

- Administrative access to the City's website will be granted to the new Park Director so as to streamline the process of updating park-related news.

- Trash pick-up remains spotty and needs to be addressed with WCA. Per Mayor Smedley, our account representative has expressed the expectation that service will improve with the planned addition of new hires.
 - Upon Alderman Lawson's request for an update on storm water upgrades, Mayor Smedley reported that all storm water projects are expected to be completed by October of this year.
 - A newsletter is to be authored with input from various city officials, detailing the Emergency Pod program, to be made available to all residents.
- Alderman White asked for an update on the new cleaning services at City Hall and Imeson Park, with J. Shaw and Kathy Rollins reporting satisfactory performance at both locations.
 - Alderman White also inquired as to the continued voluntary reduction of pay for city officials, with all Council members agreeing to revisit the issue at the end of the fiscal year.
 - Alderman Cory asked about the cost of utilities at Imeson Park, with Mayor Smedley, Alderman Hoover, and Kathy Rollins indicating that such costs appear reasonable based on increased rentals and other usage of park facilities.
 - Alderman Hoover reported that several residents have reported dissatisfaction with Missouri American Water's failure to provide advance notice of water shut-offs, as well as the quality of repair work to lawns, etc. following construction work. Per Mayor Smedley, the City was not provided with any notice either and has made complaint about this issue to MAW. The City will work to determine the proper contact at MAW for residents who wish to voice complaints.
 - Alderman Hoover indicated that residents seem to be very pleased with the Imeson Park facilities and all the recent upgrades to the property.
 - Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park and made recommendations for repairs and further updates, including the purchase and installation of a new sliding glass door, decorative inserts for fireplaces, and replacement of a broken window, with a total cost not to exceed \$2500.00. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve, Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Alderman Hoover reported on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports.
- Alderman Cory moved to approve Paybills Resolution 05-13-21, Alderman Lawson seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Benches should be installed at Imeson Park within the next 8-10 weeks.
- The joint sidewalk installation project with Kansas City is progressing and an engineering contractor has been selected. Images of the proposed work were shared with all council members.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Aldermen Hoover and White were congratulated on their election wins and were officially sworn in by J. Shaw.
- Mayor Smedley asked for approval to execute the new fire protection contract with KCFD at a cost of \$54,000.00. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of a settlement of all claims brought against the City by Summit Trails Properties. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

- Mayor Smedley made the following nominations for Committee positions, all to serve 5-year terms:

- Kathy Rollins for Park Director;
- Michael Shaw for Zoning Board;
- Les Strang for the Zoning Board; and
- Scott Francis for the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Alderman Lawson motioned to approve all nominees, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Budget revisions centering on expense reduction were discussed, with Alderman Cory moving to approve the revised budget, Alderman White seconding, and all voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw