

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley, Mayor
Larry Cory, Alderman
Eric Wright, Alderman
Britton Snyder, Alderman

Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney

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OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:07 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes and today's agenda, as amended. Copies made available to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2023 and the modified agenda. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Wright seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT

- In Chief Kern's absence, Officer Ratledge presented report on December police activity noting a slight decrease in overall calls for service and auto accidents and a slight increase in traffic stops from the previous month. Per Officer Ratledge, the department will not be responding to accident scenes when roads are iced over unless a disabled vehicle, airbag deployment, or injuries are reported.

- Mayor Smedley went over the highlights of Chief Kern's written year-end report, a copy of which was provided to all in attendance.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for December. 37 new cases were filed, with 24 cases disposed and revenue of \$1,743.05.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- No formal Alderman remarks.

- Mayor Smedley provided report on Imeson Park, noting that bids are still being taken on replacing the furnace and possibly the air conditioning unit as well but cost estimates are not available yet. No other projects will be undertaken until this spring.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman provided report on the City's financial documents for December, with no concerns noted.
- In response to questions from the public, discussion was had concerning the City's overall financial position, the problem of rising insurance costs, and the fact that the City receives very little in the way of sales tax due to the lack of retail businesses in the commercial district.
- Alderman Wright moved to approve Paybills Resolution #12-14-23, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- In response to safety concerns from residents along 72nd Street, new signage will be installed to alert drivers to hidden driveways and new ordinance provisions will be enacted to clarify limitations on parking throughout the City.
- The filing period for candidates in the upcoming election (April 2) has closed, with one candidate having filed for each position. Discussion was had re: election expenses, with Mayor Smedley asking the Board of Aldermen to consider another ballot initiative re: opting out of elections when only one candidate is running, per RSMo §115.124.
- In response to a question about internet providers, Mayor Smedley explained that negotiations with Google Fiber ended with their refusal to pay the same franchise fee rates that are imposed on every provider doing business in Platte Woods, per the City Code.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Occupancy License application for Massage Therapeutics by Ali was taken up. Alderman Wright motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 870 – An Ordinance Revising Chapter 100, Chapter 300, Chapter 355, and Chapter 365 of the City of Platte Woods' Municipal Code, Relating to General Provisions, Parking Regulations, and Traffic Code Penalties. Following discussion of key provisions, City Clerk Shaw read Ordinance No. 870 twice by title. Alderman Cory motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman Snyder seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- No old business taken up.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Wright so moved, Alderman Snyder seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting announced for February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw