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CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on May 12, 2022,
at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley Mayor
Larry Cory Alderman
Jane Hoover Alderman
Randy White Alderman
Lauren Riggs Alderman

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney
Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Community Members: 4

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:00 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the April 14, 2022, meeting minutes and today's modified agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 14, 2022, and today's agenda. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns publicly recognized and thanked Sargent Babbitt for his hard work in traffic enforcement and arrests, including 4 felony drug arrests and 6 felony warrant arrests so far this year.
- Chief Kerns gave report on police activity for the month of April, noting a slight decrease in traffic stops and an increase in ordinance violation warning letters and citations. At least 3 of those violations have been abated.
- Per data provided by the state, Platte Woods sees 40 million vehicles pass thru the city each year. Aside from Interstate 29, 72nd Street sees the most traffic, followed by Roan Ridge, Prairie View, and 9 Highway.
- With tornado season upon us, the police department will be working with the city's NIMS Emergency Coordinator, Bert Lawson, to ensure the City's emergency response plan is current, with outreach to new residents not yet familiar with the pod system.
- Platte County reports that the new radios have finally been delivered and they will be distributed to the police department once the security encryption process is complete, which should take a week or two. Platte County will determine when these new radios will go into service county-wide, with the encryption ultimately tying in to the greater metro region.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report, with 75 new cases filed, 49 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$5,176.00 for the month of April, 2022.
- Training for the new court clerk is going very well and no major hurdles are expected with the switch to digital ticketing. Saltus, the city's vendor for digital ticketing services, has completed initial configuring of the platform and is now in the testing stage, with officer training scheduled in May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Riggs asked for a follow-up on the replacement of missing water cap at Redhaw and Tomahawk, with Chief Kerns reporting that MO American Water has acknowledged the issue and will get it replaced.
- Alderman Riggs also inquired about the speed limit sign that was missing at Crystal Pool and Lake Road. Per City Clerk and Chief Kerns, that sign has been recovered and will be re-installed as soon as possible.
- Alderman Hoover volunteered herself and Park Director Kathy Rollins to work on compiling updated informational packets for new residents, and coordinating with Bert Lawson and other pod captains to get those disbursed.
- Mayor Smedley gave report on Imeson Park, noting that a group of local Boy Scout troops have volunteered to help install memorial benches which were delivered several weeks ago. One bench was damaged during shipping and that issue is being addressed with the manufacturer and the transport company. Mayor Smedley further reported that a solution was found for the sliding glass doors that only cost \$18 and eliminates the need to purchase a new door. With the cost savings, Park Director Rollins has proposed getting quotes for exterior Christmas lights and a cleaning service (to be shared with City Hall), and also moving forward with upgrades to interior lighting in the main guest areas.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman reported on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports. Alderman Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution 05-12-22, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Per Mayor Smedley, the City's budget needs to be revised, taking into account the number and scope of projects scheduled to begin work in the next 4 months (resurfacing Tower Drive, 72nd Street bridge work, pedestrian/bike lanes near the commercial district on Prairie View, and stormwater work on Tomahawk, Valley, Oakridge, and Hickory. This matter to be taken up later, as new business (see below).
- Platte County Mayor's meeting scheduled for 6/14, with an eye toward discussion of future legislative goals for the region.

CLOSED SESSION- SECTION 610.021(1) – Litigation

- Closed session began at 7:37 p.m.
- Closed session concluded at 7:42 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of the lowest bid received to remove 5-6 dead trees from City right-of-way areas. This bid was submitted by Day Tree Service in the amount of \$4,500.00. Work is expected to last 4 days. Alderman White confirmed with Mayor Smedley that Day Tree Service carries appropriate licensure and insurance. Following discussion of city responsibilities vs. resident responsibilities with regard to tree/yard maintenance, Alderman Riggs motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.
- Platte County has approved the City's request to piggyback onto a county road resurfacing project to include Tower Drive on the west side of the city. Pursuant to the contract awarded by the county, 1,760 cubic yards (200 tons) of asphalt milling is to be supplied at \$63/ton. The total cost to Platte Woods is estimated to be \$18,000.00 - \$14,000 for asphalt and \$4,000.00 for milling. With these numbers, the City can now approach Missouri American Water and Kissick construction about covering some of the costs to redress damage caused by their work along Tower Drive. This project will be completed by the end of the fiscal year (9/30/22). Alderman Riggs motioned for approval, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.
- The annual contract with Kansas City for residential and commercial fire protection has been received from Kansas City, with no cost increase. Alderman White motioned to approve renewal of the contract terms, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley proclaimed May to be Older Americans Month 2022.
- Mayor Smedley proclaimed June 10, 2022 as "MARC 50 – Forward Day" in Platte Woods, in recognition of the work accomplished by the Mid-America Regional Council, which brings local governments together to partner on regional initiatives.
- Budget revisions for the remaining fiscal year proposed by Mayor Smedley, in cooperation with Alderman Hoover, to reflect estimated expenditures of \$225,000.00 for stormwater improvements (75% of which is to be covered by grant money), \$75,000.00 for the bike/pedestrian project on Prairie View (this number represents the city's 10% contribution to the larger project led by KC and Platte County), new police radios as mandated by state law, increasing fuel costs, and changes to court personnel and related training costs. Copy of proposed revisions provided to Alderman for review. Alderman White motioned to approve the new budget, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- Mayor Smedley opened the floor to members of the public to address the Board. Residents posed a number of questions regarding delinquency notices that were sent out to those residences with outstanding sewer fees. In response, Mayor Smedley clarified that while the sewer system itself is owned by the City, there is no option for the City to treat sewer water as mandated by the EPA other than to contract with Kansas City for those services. The City pays a flat fee to Kansas City each quarter (based on the number of residences connected to the sewer system) and then invoices each residence every six months to recoup that fee, meaning the City does not generate any revenue from sewer bills beyond a \$1 administrative fee/month. City Attorney Shaw answered questions concerning state laws and city ordinances governing the city's ability to collect outstanding utility fees, noting that sewer utility fees run to the property rather than the owner, such that new owners are responsible for any bills remaining from prior owners.

Attorney Shaw encouraged new residents who received delinquency notices to contact their realtor and/or title company to inquire about reimbursement.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman White so moved, Alderman Riggs seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw