

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on February 10, 2022, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Clerk
Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Kathy Rollins, Park Director
Community Members: 2

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:03p.m. Candice Wortman, new City Treasurer, was introduced and greeted by all council members. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the December 9, 2021, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2021, and today's agenda. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve, Alderman White seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns reported on December and January police activity and copy of police report given to the Board of Aldermen. Chief Kerns noted quite an uptick in alarm calls – all of which were false alarms, mostly from the same business. Business owner has been asked to get system repaired, but if it continues the City may want to consider an ordinance that would allow for cost recoupment for frequent false alarms.

- December and January both saw a high number of traffic accidents at I-29 and 72nd Street – the department is hopeful that upcoming construction projects (Spring 2023) at that interchange will improve safety and reduce accidents.

- There were 789 car stops for the year of 2021.

- Traffic enforcement efforts in January focused on speeding, particularly along Roanridge and Prairie View, with 117 stops made.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report, with 50 new cases filed, 32 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$3,520.50 for the month of December, 2021, and 46 new cases filed, 49 cases resolved, and a total revenue of \$5,916.50 for January, 2022.

- Show Me Courts implementation will be complete as soon as the police department is able to go live with electronic ticketing, which is projected to happen in April with the delivery of handheld tablets and mobile printers thru Digi-Ticket.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman White inquired about the status of short-term rentals within City limits. Per Chief Kerns and Mayor Smedley, the City is currently investigating options for new ordinances aimed at regulating such rentals without unconstitutionally encroaching on property rights.

- Alderman Lawson raised the issue of seeking volunteers to assist the City's elderly and disabled residents with the removal of dead trees and yard debris. A member of the public interjected that his Cub Scout group would be happy to help, and contact details were exchanged.

- Alderman Lawson also raised the issue of a missing water valve covers along Red Haw, Tomahawk, and Crystal Pool. Per Mayor Smedley, the City will contact Missouri American Water to get these covers repaired/replaced.

- Alderman White inquired about updating welcome packets for new residents and re-vamping the emergency pod system. Alderman Lawson expressed willingness to continue heading up the pod system after her term on the Board of Aldermen ends in April.

- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park as follows:

- Park rentals have been down, but not surprising given the colder weather
- The furnace needs a new circuit board, but it's on back order due to supply chain shortages
- A date will be selected in April for an out-door cleanup, with assistance from the Girl Scout troops who use Imeson for their weekly meetings
- Memorial benches have been ordered, with delivery expected in March and installation as near April 1 as possible; 4 of the benches have been "adopted", and will display memorial plaques designed by each sponsor.
- Bids for a deep cleaning of Imeson House will be taken up in March/April

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 Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution 02-10-22A (December transactions), Alderman Corey seconded, and all voted aye.

- Alderman Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution 02-10-22B (January transactions), Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- In light of recent winter storms and inquiries from residents, Mayor Smedley clarified street maintenance responsibilities. Specifically, MODot maintains Roanridge, Prairie View, 9 Highway, and I-29/ramps, while Kansas City is responsible for all of 72nd Street pursuant to an agreement that was made back in the 1960s. That leaves Platte Woods with responsibility for secondary city streets only, with decisions about snow plowing based on a number of factors, including forecasted snow amounts, snow composition, air temperature, and ground temperature.

- Mayor Smedley reminded all present about the upcoming election on April 5, 2022, and the important ballot measure residents will be asked to vote on. Aside from the mayoral and aldermen seats that are up for election, residents will be presented with the following measure:

“Shall the City of Platte Woods, Missouri, be authorized to forgo annual elections if the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in the office to be filled by the election.” If this measure passes, it will save the City the cost of participating in an election when there is only one candidate running for an available seat.

- 2022 Storm Grant application is due on or before March 18, 2022. Mayor Smedley will have bids and the application packet ready for review by the Board at next month’s council meeting.
- As head of the Platte County Road Levy Renewal committee, which provides cities with additional money for storm water and other infrastructure projects, Mayor Smedley is scheduled to attend a Zoom meeting with other Platte County Mayors on 2/15 with the goal of receiving continued funding for these projects.
- Mayor Smedley has a meeting with approximately 660 other mayors statewide to discuss legislative agendas benefiting municipal governments.
- Mayor Smedley will also be attending the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on 2/23, where all the metro-area mayors come together to discuss local issues.
- County roadwork contracts are considered in February so Mayor Smedley is working to get the City included in plans to regrade street surfaces at a cost savings of 80%.

CLOSED SESSION- SECTION 610.021(3) – Personnel

- Closed session began at 7:50 p.m.
- Closed session concluded at 8:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Lawn care bid for a 3-year contract on maintenance of all city property submitted by Lewis Lawn Care taken up by the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Cory motioned to approve the 3-year contract extension, Alderman Lawson seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Further discussion had on issue of new City seal. Matter to be tabled at this time.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw