

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Candice Wortman, Treasurer
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney
Kathy Rollins, Park Director
Public: 5

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 March 9, 2023, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies made available to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2023, and today's agenda. Alderman Riggs motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the month of April. Activity included 5 alarm calls (all false alarms), 1 simple assault, 1 report of theft, and 5 public disturbance calls (split between BP and Gators). Expired plates and no proof of insurance remain the leading traffic citations being issued by patrol officers.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for April. Specific numbers re: revenue, filings, and dispositions were not available at the time of council as the new court clerk remains in training and hasn't completed the report training modules yet. Official counts for April will be supplemented next month. No significant issues to report otherwise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Hoover asked if there was any news from GFL as to when lawn/leaf pickup would begin for residents who have contracted directly with GFL (trash company) for that service. Per Mayor Smedley, GFL has reported being short at least 7 drivers but is working to resolve the problem and residents are advised to leave their bags out and they will be picked up!

- Alderman White asked when the City will be ordering yard waste dumpsters this year. Following short discussion, it was agreed that this topic will be tabled until next month's council meeting since we're still in storm season.
- Alderman Riggs inquired about storm water drainage issues affecting a handful of properties in the southeast corner of the city. Past problem areas seem to be doing really well with the new beehive drains. Flatter drains (installed where property owners objected to the use of the taller beehive style drains) are not allowing leaves and other debris to pass through as well and is at least contributing to the flooding problems. The contractor agreed to put in an emergency overflow with a larger drain and do some more grading on the west side of Tomahawk to help prevent clogs. In response to resident questions, Mayor Smedley explained that the city is dependent on the County Engineer to oversee and approve our public works projects. Any questions pertaining to the size, type, placement of drains, etc., or requests for engineering plans should be directed to Platte County. Further discussion followed, with Mayor Smedley clarifying the grant process, how contracts are awarded, why it's not feasible for the City to employ its own sewer inspector as suggested by one resident, and how EPA regulations and topography and hydrology reports govern design specifications and construction plans. Discussion concluded with plan to continue monitoring drainage now that the emergency overflow has been installed; any additional flooding will be addressed with the contractor.
- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park, with no issues or action items to be taken up at this time. A group of residents including Samantha Adrignola, Carole Bredeson, Christy Rodriguez, and Candice Wortman (City Treasurer) have founded a new social club open to all residents – The Platte Woods Community Club. Events scheduled so far include a community-wide yard sale May 19-20, and a picnic at Imeson Park on Sunday, June 6, 2023. Additional information will be posted to the City's website.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman provided report 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 #4-13-23, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Bridge work/construction will be delayed until after the NFL draft, per MODot.
- Work on the sidewalk project along Prairie View near the commercial sector is awaiting final approval by MODot before work can begin.
- Residents are reminded to be prepared for detours and significant delays once 72nd Street is closed for bridge repairs, continuing well into 2024.
- Mayor Smedley thanked Alderman Randy White for his service as an alderman and for all of the volunteer work he has performed during his time in office.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Alderman Hoover was sworn into office as Alderman for Ward 1, to serve a two-year term. Gerald Gavin, the newly-elected Alderman for Ward 2 (replacing Randy White), submitted a letter of resignation necessitated by a health issue immediately upon being sworn into office. His seat will have to be filled by appointment for the rest of the term.
- Mayor Smedley proclaimed May to be Older Americans Month 2023.

- Brief discussion was had concerning the regulation of short-term rentals within residential zones. Aldermen were asked to give some thought to the topic, speak with their constituents, and be prepared to discuss at next month's council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Mayor Smedley asked for a motion approving the contract for the rental of the Imeson House basement by Northland Woodturners, LLC. Alderman Riggs so motioned, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS-

- A resident in attendance expressed a number of safety concerns related to living next door to a property being used exclusively for short term rentals.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Cory so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw