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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 June 9, 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  
Kathy Rollins, Park Director  
Community Members: 4

## **OPENING**

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:01 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the May 12, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman White seconded the motion, all voted aye.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

- None

## **POLICE REPORT**

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the month of May, noting an increase in residential alarm calls and disturbances in the commercial district. Officers have been working hard to address nuisance ordinance violations, with 9 such violations resolved thru abatement and/or the issuance of citations, and 6 violations in the process of being abated. Officers have begun using courtesy door hangers as a warning prior to taking formal action.
- The format for the city's digital ticketing has been sent to the State for approval, with server testing, officer training, and final implementation to occur before the end of June.
- The new radios are now in service, although encryption likely will not begin being used until August as many departments are still awaiting delivery of their radios because they went with a different vendor.
- The department is looking into the use of an app called Tango Tango, which would allow officers to communicate even when they are out of range. The cost to the city would be \$572/year.
- Missouri American Water has been notified (again) of missing water caps, but no action yet.
- Alderman Hoover inquired about progress on volunteer work to clear trees and brush from various locations where drainage has been negatively impacted. Per Chief Kerns and Mayor Smedley, this work continues.

- In response to a question from Alderman White, Chief Kerns reported that there was a high-speed pursuit on Prairie View that was terminated at I-29 and 54<sup>th</sup> Street due to safety concerns. The driver was identified and will face felony charges through Platte County.

### **COURT REPORT-**

- J. Shaw presented the court report, with 98 new cases filed, 48 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$5,668.50 for the month of May, 2022.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS**

- Alderman Hoover remarked that she has heard several complaints from residents about a property on Prairie View; per Chief Kerns this matter is being addressed with the owner and citations will be issued if the problems are not abated.
- Alderman Hoover also reported that a Garden Club has been proposed, with volunteer work to be performed at Imeson Park in exchange for use of the park house for meetings at no charge.
- Alderman Riggs and Mayor Smedley discussed their drive thru the city, meeting with new residents and sharing information about maintenance of city right-of-way.
- Kathy Rollins provided report on Park developments, noting that she is working with the Boy Scouts to schedule a date for the installation of the final 3 memorial benches at Imeson. One bench was damaged during transport – the bill for this bench will be prorated accordingly. Since the weather has turned warmer there has been an increase in loitering. While the police response has been swift each time, the Board may want to consider installing a sign notifying visitor that the park is closed from dusk to dawn. Finally, thanks were offered to Mayor Smedley and Keith Sargent for their work in moving equipment around in the attic to improve internet connectivity, which has been an issue since the initial installation.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS-**

- Alderman Hoover provided reported on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports. Alderman White moved to approve Paybills Resolution 06-09-22, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley informed the Board of an ongoing issue with water meters in the commercial district, many of which have been malfunctioning since September of 2021 according to Missouri American Water. Until this issue is resolved, the city will not be able to send out quarterly sewer bills or remit payment to Kansas City as usage rates cannot be accurately calculated.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS-**

- The contract discussed last month re: dead tree removal in city right-of-way has been awarded and 5 trees will be taken down.
- Resurfacing on NW Tower Drive is set to begin on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stormwater work will begin sometime this fall.
- Work on the budget for Fiscal Year 2023 has begun, with presentation to the Board in July or August.
- A request has been made to MODot about increasing signage on Roanridge following a recent increase in rear-end accidents, but the response has not been favorable as there has never been a fatality there.

- MODot has expressed plans to close 72<sup>nd</sup> Street while work is being done on the bridge. The City opposes this plan and will continue to fight it, even if it increases the duration of the project, since closure would result in a significant increase in fuel costs and response times for the police department, as well as a major disruption for those children who walk to school.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

- Certificates of Appreciation issued to the Boy Scouts, resident Mike Cox, and his friend, Sonia Schweret, for their hard work installing memorial benches at Imeson Park.
- The Board was updated re: ongoing collection efforts of delinquent sewer bills. 33 delinquency notices were sent out, with 15 of those having been resolved thru payment and 2 others being paid off on a payment plan. 16 properties remain delinquent, and the Board will have the option of filing a lien against these properties 90 days from the notice date, or August 5, 2022. The Board discussed additional actions to be taken, including courtesy door tag reminders (especially if water is to be shut off) offering payment plans.
- Since 2018, approximately 1/3 of the city's homes have changed ownership. Welcome bags for new residents have been assembled (thanks to Alderman Hoover and Park Director Rollins), but will not be distributed until completion of an updated city newsletter. Aldermen were asked to provide input for the newsletter to the City Administrator by June 20.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July , 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw