

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, May 11, 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: 4

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:15 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the April 13, 2023, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies made available to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Riggs 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 May, noting that alarm calls went down from 5 to 0 in the commercial district. Difficulties encountered in getting from one side of the city to the other since the closure of 72nd Street discussed. Response times may be as long as 45 minutes during peak traffic hours, with hopes that congestion will decrease once people adjust to the closure and establish alternate routes. The department will continue communications with MODot in an effort to reduce response times as work progresses. Presently, the average time has increased from 1-3 minutes to 12-15 minutes. Lastly, Chief Kerns reported on recent communications from Platte County Sheriff Mark Owens re: a shortage of dispatchers also contributing to longer response times.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for April, plus an update on March's court numbers since those were not available at last month's meeting. March saw 107 cases filed, 54 cases resolved, and \$5,934.00 collected in revenue. In April, 131 cases were filed, 88 were resolved, and \$9054.50 was collected. Show-Me-Training continues with no significant issues to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Riggs asked for an update on the storm water drainage issues affecting a handful of properties in the southeast corner of the city. No flooding problems observed since remedial measures completed (installation of emergency overflow drain/re-grading). Discussion had with residents in attendance re: storm water grant process and engineering process. Per Mayor Smedley, any construction/design plans generated by contractor(s) performing the work are submitted directly to the County for review/approval. The City is not provided with, and does not maintain or possess, copies of any such plans, nor does the City have copies of any hydrology, topography, or similar reports generated or provided to County engineers as part of the design process. Mayor Smedley added further that he has verified with the County Public Works Department that the contractor (Site Rite) is an approved contractor and that plans were submitted, reviewed, and approved by an engineer. Discussion was had in response to a suggestion from a resident that the City employ someone to be on-site, overseeing construction as the work progresses, with the consensus of the Board being that this is not a financially-feasible option. Finally, discussion was had re: the dip in the pavement on _____. Per Chief Kerns, MODot has done some work on it but the dip is still significant. He will continue his efforts to get MODot to do additional repair work.

- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park, with no issues or action items to be taken up at this time. Rentals have slowed now that Girl Scouts are done for the season. Long-term renters are doing well, with no issues. Signage may be put up inside the house reminding renters to clean up after themselves before departing the property. If the problem persists, a portion of the security deposit will be retained to cover cleaning expenses. 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.

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 Riggs moved to approve Paybills Resolution #05-11-23, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

-The Kansas City Regional Police Academy, in conjunction with Platte County Senior Fund, Clay County Senior Services, and KCPD, is hosting Senior Situational Awareness Night on May 25, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. Older residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the many services offered by Platte County Senior Fund, including financial assistance and home maintenance programs.

NEW BUSINESS-

-Mayor Smedley proclaimed May 15, 2023 to be World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Potential regulations to be placed on short-term rentals and right-of-way access discussed by the Board, with the goal of having draft ordinances available for consideration at July's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Cory so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw