

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley, Mayor
Jane Hoover, Alderman
Britton Snyder, Alderman
Eric Wright, Alderman

Rebecca Wortman, City Clerk
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OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Wright seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident brought up the issue of personal information on residents being collected by the City for emergency management purposes and the need to limit who has access to that information. There was discussion about City history and printing of a resident directory many years ago that contained names of adults with addresses and phone numbers. All in attendance believe the general consensus now is that very few would agree to having their personal information circulated in a public directory.
- A resident voiced concern that ordinance violations will not be enforced now that the City has no police department. She specifically referenced parking and noise violations. Mayor Smedley said the City is monitoring complaints as they are received and has either contacted the persons violating the ordinances or mailed a Notice of Non-Compliance.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- There were several MO 811 utility locates, three public service announcements regarding weather, and one road rage incident that ended in front of City Hall and was addressed by the Mayor.
- Following the hail storm, numerous roofing companies placed signs around the City. They were contacted and told to remove the signs unless they have contracted with a resident for work.
- It was noted that Platte County Sheriff's department officers have been pulling cars over on Prairie View. They have not been seen as much on Roanridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMAN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Wright noted there was erosion on Tower Drive from work being done by American Water on a water main break.
- Alderman Snyder reported that he, Alderman Wright and Hallie Spencer met with CivicPlus regarding software to facilitate communications with residents, and quickly came to the conclusion that it was too expensive. He will continue to research alternatives.
- Alderman Snyder discussed several items at Imeson that need repair or attention. These included broken windows in the main house on the west side, cracked storm windows in the sunroom, wood rot in the sunroom, and gutters ripped off the northwest side of the barn structure. He is also trying to coordinate volunteer days at the park, preferably the second or third weekend in April to make improvements to the landscaping in the front of the house. This would include removing and replacing landscape fabric, replacing and adding to the rocks, and new edging. He estimated new

edging materials would cost \$1,420 for plastic and \$1,938 for metal. Pros and cons of both were discussed. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve purchase of metal edging not to exceed \$2,000. Alderman Wright motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

- Alderman Snyder then stated the picnic tables at the park are out of service at this time due to wood rot, and that unfortunately the City did not receive grant money to replace the tables. He has researched replacements and presented two choices – tables with a metal base and treated pine tops (\$1,840 for two), or all steel tables with galvanized bases and perforated, coated steel tops (\$3,252 for two). The durability and expected service life of each option was discussed. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve purchase of all steel tables not to exceed \$4,000. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Wright seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- Alderman Snyder brought up the issue of concern with securing assets in the Imeson house now that the City no longer has a police department, and presented options for Ring or Reolink security cameras. It was decided that Reolink, which provides for floodlights and 24/7 network video recording on hard drives with no subscription fees is preferable to a Ring camera. Placement of two cameras – one in the front of the Imeson house and one in the back, was discussed. It was noted that the Reolink includes 12 channels so more cameras could be added in the future. The cost of the Reolink system is \$609 which does not include cables. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve purchase of the Reolink system not to exceed \$1,200 for the devices and cables. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Wright seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- Alderman Snyder stated the City may need to engage an electrician at some point in the future to check some of the light switches at the Imeson house. He further stated the month of May is filling up with bookings for graduation parties and other events.
- Alderman Snyder believes we need to update the City website, as it is now 12 years old and has some limitations. He believes an additional \$8 per month to our Wix subscription could provide the needed upgrades. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve additional monthly fees to Wix not to exceed \$20. Alderman Wright motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The City Clerk provided report on the City's financials for January with no concerns noted. Alderman Snyder moved to approve Paybills Resolution #2-12-26. Alderman Wright seconded, and all voted aye. The Mayor stated payments are being made to Kansas City for sewer services and the amount owing should be paid off within four years. It was noted by a resident that the payroll category did not include the name of the employee. That information will be provided in the March financials.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

- Reminder that the election is Tuesday, April 7th and everyone is encouraged to vote.
- Mayor Smedley asked State Senator Luetkemeyer for his support for approval of the public safety sales tax. Senator Luetkemeyer would like a copy of the resident survey results and also information on what the additional revenue will be used for.
- On April 4, 2026, the Parade of Hearts will be announcing where the various heart sculptures will be placed throughout the Kansas City region. Alderman Snyder mentioned the sculpture is required to be visible from the road and he is considering three locations at Imeson.
- The storm water grant application for the Tomahawk Lane culvert is due March 20, 2026.
- The City hired a temporary clerk on an hourly basis to assist with transferring our court to Platte County.
- Mayor Smedley asked the election board to expedite certification of the election results.
- The Platte County Sheriff is applying for a grant to upgrade their radios and the Mayor stated he wrote a letter in support of the grant application.

- The mayors of Platte and Clay County will be meeting in late April 2026.
- The mock emergency drill is still planned for April or May.

NEW BUSINESS

- The City has made an offer of \$1,500 to settle and Freedom Center lawsuit.
- The Spire 20 year Franchise Agreement is being negotiated. The City would like to confirm that all appropriate franchise fees are being paid to Platte Woods. An Ordinance authorizing the contract with Spire is expected by the next council meeting.
- The contract with GFL expires in December 2026. GFL has asked for a 5 year agreement, with the cost of resident curbside yard waste rolled into the fees already paid by the City, and increasing the free dumpsters from three to six.
- Jim Kerns is working on the Department of Revenue Financial Statements which are due March 26, 2026.
- The project for the sidewalk/bike lane is set to start next month. The County will send \$219,795 to Platte Woods so we can pay Kansas City, and any amount due above that will be paid by Platte Woods from the Road Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Wright seconded, and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting was announced for April 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – R. Wortman