

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

Eric Wright, Mayor
Larry Cory, Alderman
Britton Snyder, Alderman

Rebecca Wortman, City Clerk
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OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wright at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Wright asked the Council to review their copies of the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Nichols, a 35 year resident, stated he wanted to donate a Moon Tree to the City to be planted at Imeson Park to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. He explained the history of Moon Trees which derive from a packet of tree seeds that were taken on the Apollo 14 mission in 1971 as part of an experiment. The packet of seeds orbited the moon 34 times, returned to earth with the astronauts and were germinated and planted. Mr. Nichols' Moon Tree is actually a sycamore that was germinated from a seed from a Moon Tree planted at Mississippi State University. He paid \$589.75 for his Moon Tree which included the cost of the tree and shipping. Mr. Nichols, the council and members of the public discussed where the tree could be planted at Imeson Park, the particulars on watering of the tree, and the long term Master Plan for the park. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve accepting the gift of the Moon Tree with the understanding that Mr. Nichols and Park Director Britton Snyder will work out a location for planting. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Snyder seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

Clare Erber brought up the issue of drainage problems at her residence on Valley Road due to a sinking culvert that allows water to flow down her driveway. She believes Valley Road was resurfaced around 2010 at which time the storm drain wasn't installed properly. Mayor Wright stated he will search for documents concerning the 2010 resurfacing project to find out who did the work. He also mentioned the City's interest in a storm water grant to provide funds for the City to address drainage problems.

Mayor Wright asked the public if anyone had comments concerning the City's response to the recent storm that downed many trees on the east side. He stated the City did its best to help clear trees in the roads and right-of-ways with the help of volunteers. Trees on personal property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Kathy Rollins wanted to recognize Alex Thornton who used his bobcat to move trees out of the road. Jim Kerns wanted to recognize Bert Lawson, the volunteer coordinator, who was on the phone with him immediately following the storm. Ms. Lawson stated she was disappointed in the emergency POD response. Mayor Wright wanted to

remind the public that contacting Emergency Response and POD teams to coordinate response to serious storm events is in the best interest of the City and volunteers.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jim Kerns stated this small storm event gave the City an opportunity to assess its response. He has started to develop a web app that would be essential during a major event in that would automatically text POD captains. This is similar to a product used by the state system to help help identify individuals who have equipment such as chainsaws and generators. It would include a list of households and prompt welfare checks for people who do not check-in within a certain amount of time. The web app has a built-in drill to practice the disaster response.

Mayor Wright stated that by the next Council meeting, he would like to identify POD captains.

A resident suggested a city-wide email that includes a link to the Emergency Management Facebook page because a lot of residents may not know about it.

Mr. Kerns stated the drone traffic study is still in progress. He has thus far obtained video on Prairie View and Tomahawk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMAN'S REMARKS

Alderman and Park Director Britton Snyder reported on the Imeson House. He stated there were only three events booked in June. Gutter repair on the barn is still needed and he would like volunteers for that project. Heavy rains washed out gravel that one of the picnic tables was sitting on and that may need to be repaired. He stated he is behind on forming a Park Advisory Board and needs to get in touch with potential board members.

He is in the process of obtaining bids from plumbers to replace the two hose bibs that he estimates may cost \$700 to \$800 each. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve an amount up to \$1,500 for the hose bib replacement. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Snyder seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The City Clerk provided report on the City's financials for May and June with no concerns noted. Alderman Cory moved to approve Paybills Resolution #6-18-26, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Wright did not feel the emergency pod system worked as well as he would have liked. He believes we need to improve our formal communication practices so that people are receiving up-to-date information, rather than operating off word of mouth. Volunteers did great work; however, some jumped in and did work that was too close to power lines or in ways that had to be addressed by Evergy crews. The goal is to implement a system to organize volunteers so that in the event of a future emergency, volunteers can be deployed where they will be most useful and won't end up endangering themselves or interfering with utility workers.

Kansas City sent a new updated agreement regarding sewer charges which needs to be reviewed by our City attorney.

The Court transfer is complete with the exception of moving boxes to Platte County.

Nick Bromberg, the volunteer ordinance enforcement officer, is using a digital system to note violations. Mayor Wright has been distributing “Know Your Code” emails to residents to educate them on City Codes. He encourages residents with a complaint against a neighbor to have a conversation with that neighbor to see if the issue can be resolved before contacting the City.

OLD BUSINESS

The City previously passed Ordinance 885 granting a franchise to Spire. Revised Ordinance 892 includes language required by Spire stating they will provide the amount of gross receipts subject to franchise tax to the City on a semi-annual basis. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 892. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wright discussed eCode 360, a digital platform for storage of city codes. He received a quote of \$1,400 to integrate the codes, and \$1,200 going forward for annual codification. They also offer legal review services. He hopes to bring the eCode 360 proposal before the council at the next meeting.

Google Fiber does not deviate from the 1% franchise fees they pay to cities which would amount to only 7 cents per customer per month. The Mayor will request feedback from residents on their interest in Google Fiber. Installation of fiber cable involves digging, lawn damage and construction disruptions. The Google Fiber representative said property will be restored to its pre-construction condition.

The preliminary budget was discussed. The City received the BOE numbers from the County for the new levy passed in April. There will be a slight increase in tax revenue. A budget surplus of \$47,000 is projected for next year. The City received approximately \$30,000 in back sewer payments from a delinquent commercial account. Another commercial account with a significant delinquency is currently making payments. The Mayor is working with Kansas City on an agreement in which they proposed an alternate set of numbers that may benefit the amount the City owes Kansas City for sewer services. He anticipates having final numbers on the amount owed by Kansas City once a lawyer reviews the agreement.

Ordinance 893 authorizes donation of surplus property to Hillcrest Platte County. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 893. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Snyder seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

Mayor Wright nominated Laura Purcell as Ward 2 alderman in light of Hallie Spencer having moved away from the City. Ms. Purcell has experience in organizational management and is a biology teacher. All council was in favor of her appointment and Ms. Purcell took the oath of office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next meeting was announced for August 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – R. Wortman