

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Rebecca Wortman, City Clerk
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OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wright at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Wright asked the Council to review their copies of the April 2026 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Alderman Spencer requested two corrections to the minutes, one being a typographical error and the other a clarification that Ordinance 883 was approved "as a draft" only. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve the corrected minutes and agenda. Alderman Snyder motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident mentioned a broken/collapsed culvert on Red Haw. The City is aware this was caused by a trash truck last fall and will follow-up with GFL about this. A second resident mentioned a problem with brush on the Tomahawk/Red Haw right-of-way. A third resident said neighbors who previously mowed the Tower & Roanridge property owned by Time Warner (now Spectrum) have moved away and it is no longer being mowed. The City will contact Spectrum about this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMAN'S REMARKS

- Emergency Director Jim Kerns discussed his reports on Public Safety and Emergency Management Report.
 - The Emergency Management Facebook Page continues to be a timely way to get information to residents, particularly as it relates to weather warnings.
 - He created a PowerPoint presentation for volunteer POD captains to use as a guide on where their role begins and ends in the event of a tornado.
 - A quote from Barco for traffic calming devices known as speed humps was obtained. The cost of eight devices was quoted at \$13,929. The streets under consideration for such devices are Tomahawk, Crystal Pool, Woody Creek and Maple Lane. However, he has spoken with residents who believe Valley and Red Haw should also be considered.
 - A radar traffic study device which also acts as a visual deterrent was priced at \$12,682, and a traffic counter at approximately \$3,400. These study devices are portable and could be moved throughout the city.

- In place of purchasing such traffic study devices, Mr. Kerns stated he is testing an in-house drone video study that would capture vehicle classification (car, bus, or bicycle), traffic counts, minimum and maximum speeds and direction of travel. This data will assist in deciding how many speed humps and/or visual deterrents would be needed. He expects this study to be completed by the end of June.
- Alderman Snyder mentioned the problem with flooding on Tomahawk that occurs with heavy rain which is made worse by culverts that are not functioning properly. Residents should be aware that per City Code, it is the resident's responsibility to maintain culverts under their driveway.
- Alderman Snyder obtained a bid for adding riprap along the Crystal Pool dam to prevent erosion. He was quoted a price of \$24,645. Since erosion affects the road bed, the City may consider applying for a storm water grant from the county and will contact Hobie Crane at Platte County Zoning/Storm Water Management department.
- Alderman Snyder reported on the following activity at the Imeson house:
 - Volunteer Day on April 25th was very successful. Approximately 40 volunteers, which included residents, non-residents and Girl Scout Troops 605 and 3105, did a phenomenal job. In addition to landscaping and cleaning out the gutters, the inside of the house was cleaned.
 - The air conditioning units will need repair. Only one of the AC units was operational on Volunteer Day.
 - He noted problems with the hose bibs and will contact plumbers to get bids on repairs.
 - The two new picnic tables were received and have been assembled and installed.
 - He would like a Park Advisory Board consisting of 5 members to meet on a monthly basis.
 - He will work on a list of priorities of capital improvement projects for the park.
 - Following this report of activities at Imeson, Mayor Wright wanted to recognize Alderman Snyder for the hundreds of hours he has spent on making improvements to the facilities and operations at Imeson Park.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The City Clerk provided report on the City's financials for April with no concerns noted. Alderman Snyder moved to approve Paybills Resolution #4-14-26, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

- Mayor Wright stated that during his first month as mayor he has been able to talk to a lot of residents about things they love about our city and ways they think we can do better.
- Sewer services provided by Kansas City were discussed. In summary, starting during the pandemic, in mid-2020, the City began having difficulty collecting commercial sewer payments from businesses in town and have been working with Kansas City to make up our outstanding balance. By our calculations, we owed Kansas City just over a million dollars during that period. We billed about \$960,000 of that to our residential and commercial entities, of which the City received approximately \$860,000 and paid Kansas City \$530,000. The remaining \$350,000-\$450,000 has been used to pay for City services in the intervening six years. He met with Kansas City Sewer department people in early April to discuss the outstanding money due and will continue discussions with them concerning long-term

payment. There is a potential to update the original 1973 sewer agreement that governs payments and updating the agreement could be advantageous to the City.

- We have begun a city technology and services audit to identify opportunities for cost reduction and/or streamlining/improvement of City facilities.
- Mayor Wright completed an analysis of ordinance letters that have been distributed to residents over the past 25 years, identifying key issues that we need to address as the City moves forward without a police department. He believes that in order to enforce our City Code, residents need to be aware what's in it. He has been in contact with ecode360 about the possibility of having them host our City Code on their web platform. He expects to have pricing information in the next month to see whether that makes sense for the City.
- Later this month, we will distribute our first "Know Your Code" emails from the City, in which ordinances related to parking (both street and non-street regulations) will be shared along with parking maps to help residents understand where they can park cars without receiving violation letters from the City. We will continue to distribute reminders regarding things like pets, chickens, building permits and gardens. He would like to obtain a list of residents who own chickens as there is a limit to the number they can own.
- The ordinance procedure going forward will be:
 - Identification of ordinance violation by appointed officer;
 - Communication of that violation to the City Clerk;
 - Notification by letter;
 - Resident given 7 or 10 days to remedy the situation, based on statute;
 - If no remedy, issue citation and summons will be issued; and
 - Building a database to track these notification letters over time and identify widespread issues that would be good topics for public communication.
- In the interest of transparency and accountability, Mayor Wright stated his goals for the coming month are:
 - Finalize our sewer plan with Kansas City;
 - Complete our court transfer and document move;
 - Make a plan for city property abandonment;
 - Have the first meeting of the Park Advisory Board; and
 - Creation of a digital ordinance violation management system.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nick Bromberg has volunteered to assist in ordinance enforcement and he will be provided a list of relevant ordinances. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve Nick Bromberg as a volunteer ordinance enforcement officer. Alderman Spencer motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- The Application for Short Term Residential Rental submitted by Roscoe and Barbara Fields for the residence at 5906 NW Hilltop Road was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve the application. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

- The Business/Occupation License Application for Suite Escape Travel LLC submitted by April and Jeff Ryan was discussed. The application was considered vague and additional information is needed for approval. Therefore, the application will be brought forth at a special council session meeting at a date to be determined with applicants in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Snyder seconded, and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting was announced for June 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – R. Wortman