

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on July 14, 2022, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley, Mayor
Larry Cory, Alderman
Jane Hoover, Alderman
Lauren Riggs, Alderman

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney
Kathy Rollins, Park Director

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 June 9, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2022, and today's agenda. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the month of June, with the only unusual trend being an uptick in suspicious activity calls (with no violations resulting). Officers continue to address nuisance ordinance violations, with several now pending in municipal court.

- Digital ticketing has been fully implemented, with a significant increase in the number of tickets being issued thanks to a 50% decrease in the length of time it takes to conduct each stop.

- The pothole at 72nd and Prairie View has been fixed by Kansas City, although the patching already appears to be breaking up again. The City will continue to work toward getting this problem resolved.

- Ongoing road/right-of-way maintenance issues continue to be reported to MODot, with no resolution by that agency due to budgetary constraints and staff shortages.

- Chief Kerns discussed the growing problem of catalytic converter thefts, noting there are few options for those who have to park vehicles outside given how quickly the theft can be accomplished. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is currently exploring ways to combat the problem, with has become a nation-wide issue. Cameras and motion lights are encouraged, and suspicious vehicles should be reported via the non-emergency line (816-741-7973).

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for the month of June, 2022, with 85 new cases filed, 48 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$5,946.00. After mandated disbursements to the state crime victims' compensation fund, domestic violence fund, peace officer's training fund, and the

judicial education fund, the remaining balance of \$5,165.13 has been deposited into the City's general fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Kathy Rollins provided report on Park developments. Two more memorial benches have been installed by the Boy Scouts, the fallen gutter has been fixed, and bids are being solicited for the sign with the Platte County seal that must be displayed (as the final requirement before grant money will be released to the City). A long-time resident has suggested taking up donations for one of the memorial benches to be dedicated to the memory of Mike Benne, Platte Woods' former Chief of Police. Per Chief Kerns, other local law enforcement agencies may be willing to contribute and he will spearhead that effort. Finally, per Kathy Rollins, 2023 budget items for the park will include furnace repair/replacement, replacement of 2 broken windows, installation of frost-proof hydrants to prevent basement flooding, and new pea gravel for the walking trail.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman provided reported on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports. Alderman Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution 07-14-22, Alderman Riggs seconded, and all voted aye.
- Per Mayor Smedley, the forecast for 2023 roadwork expenses is \$187,000.00, which the City should be able to cover with reserve funds.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- The City is soliciting bids for liability insurance.
- MODot has declined to install any more signage along Roanridge despite the recent increase in accidents so the police will be stepping up enforcement in that area instead.
- Trash collection complaints have increased again. GFL has been notified, and continues to cite staffing shortages as the primary cause of the reported issues.

NEW BUSINESS-

- None.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Riggs so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw