



CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met August 13, 2020 at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley Mayor
Randy White Alderman
Larry Cory Alderman
Bert Lawson Alderman
Jane Hoover Alderman

Chief Kerns
Amber Moore, City Clerk
Erika Nielson, Park Director

Community members: 4

OPENING- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:00 pm. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 9, 2020 and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, all voted aye.

LEVY PUBLIC HEARING – 2020-21 starts 7:05pm opening

-Mayor asked for any public comments or questions about the tax hearing. There were no comments or questions from the public. Mayor asked the Alderman to review the information provided. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 tax rate of .7724. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Motion approved.

-Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

POLICE REPORT-

-Chief Kerns reported on July 2020 police activity. Copies of police activity given to Alderman.

-Platte Woods Police Department has been in communication with the Platte Woods Methodist Church about maintaining their grounds.

-A resident stated that the same concerns and issues in regards to the church grounds are discussed each year. She suggested it be monitored throughout the year.

-Alderman Hoover stated that the Platte Woods Methodist Church must be held accountable with the original agreement. Chief Kerns stated he will review the original plans on the Platte Woods Methodist Church property upkeep.

-Alderman Hoover asked Chief Kerns that the storm water drains and ponds in the city be monitored throughout the year

-Alderman Lawson inquired about cars being parked in a yard and regulation on a driveway extension

-E. Svard, Park Director, asked about the guidelines for parking an RV on properties in Platte Woods. Mayor stated that an RV or trailer can be parked on a driveway as long as the driveway is not 40 feet from the property line.

-A resident asked for an update on the dead trees that need to be removed on Tomahawk. Chief Kerns replied that he will investigate the condition of the trees and determine the next step.

-Chief Kerns shared that the Police Department was aware of the number of cars being parked at a residence on the east side of the city. At this time, there is no violation.

-Chief Kerns recognized Sgt. Babbitt for his diligence in making traffic stops. As a result of Sgt. Babbitt's determinations, 4 cases have been filed with the Platte County Drug Force and an arrest on a felony murder warrant was made.

COURT REPORT-

-A. Moore presented the July 2020 court report, with \$ 3,889.00 in total revenue and 79 cases disposed. A. Moore shared that June's court docket had an increase in attendees from the previous month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

-Alderman Lawson asked about the road repair on Valley and Red Haw. Mayor explained that hot rubber is to be placed on the street after the water company has confirmed their work is completed.

-Alderman Lawson stated that a resident had contacted her about paying their sewer bill. Resident stated that the bill was not received. A. Moore explained that residents are to call City Hall for information about paying their bill and updating any contact information.

-Alderman White stated he was willing to assist with the removal of the tree on Tomahawk if the resident requires help due to physical limitations.

-Alderman White asked if residents are permitted to burn a stump on their property. Mayor said as long as the burn remains in compliance with city ordinances, burning of a stump is permitted.

-Alderman White asked if the Police Department was aware of an individual moving trash bins after trash pickup. Chief Kerns thought that individual was moving them to create an inconvenience for the owner of the trash bin(s). Chief Kerns stated there was no legal recourse for moving the bins.

-Alderman White questioned the process for making adjustments to the budget, specifically payroll, due to the pandemic and its impact on the City. Mayor answered that adjustments can be made throughout the year. Alderman White received a number of job descriptions for city employees and is reviewing them for accuracy and up-to-date information.

-E. Svard, reminded the council that the cost of the park benches is \$2,000.00 which includes the concrete pad.

-E. Svard shared that there continues to be an increase in events at the park since it has been reopened. She added that the trash bins and dog waste receptacles are not being emptied. She stated there needs to be a process in place to guarantee it is done.

-Alderman Hoover asked about cleaning of the park house after each event. She was concerned that all COVID compliant measures are being taken between events. Mayor explained that under the rental contract, renters are to clean and sanitize the space at the conclusion of their event.

-Alderman Hoover asked for an update in regards to air conditioning and outdoor lighting at the park house. E. Svard explained that the outdoor lighting will be done by students from the Northland Career Center and due to the current school situation, plans are on hold. Alderman Hoover explained that she would like to see projects at the park house to be completed on a timelier basis in the future.

-Alderman Lawson inquired about the flooring at the park house. Mayor stated that the floor replacement strategy has been moved to a later date.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

-A. Moore gave the report on the city's financial documents. Alderman Hoover stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow or budget vs. actual documents. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve Paybills Resolution #08-13-20, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

-Mayor shared that the 72nd Street road repair project is on the final stage of laying asphalt and should be completed by the end of September. Beginning in October, the sidewalks and greenery will be put into place.

-Mayor explained that the City of Kansas City must sign off for the Oakridge Storm Water project to begin. MODOT is requesting that bids be submitted and approved by September 2020. Once work begins, it is expected to be a week-long project.

-Mayor stated the Missouri Mayors United members met August 7th via zoom. There were over 60 mayors online during the zoom meeting. Over 9 topics were discussed which included 911 cellular regulations, Wayfair tax, and other online retail taxes. The local mayors will meet September 12th.

-Mayor said that he had contacted a majority of Platte Woods' businesses with information on applying for the Survive and Thrive program offered by Platte County. Platte County reported that 32 businesses applied, 3 of which were Platte Woods businesses. A total of \$10,000,000 has been awarded to local businesses to assist them during the pandemic to date

-Mayor shared that Amber Moore, City Clerk, attended the City Officials Training on July 31st at Midwest Public Risk. He added that Mrs. Moore will provide a report of the topics covered to the Alderman.

-Mayor stated that according to the US Census Bureau, Platte Woods is 81% compliant in reporting total number of residents. The Census Bureau plans to go door to door in an effort to achieve 100% submission results.

-Mayor explained the bike trail and cross walk project is estimated to begin March 2021. The trail will run thru the city and provide pedestrian traffic access to the city.

-Mayor shared information about the recent municipal election results. The Park/Storm Water Grant and Law Enforcement Grant passed. Mayor added that the Law Enforcement Grant will allow for counties to hire additional Deputies and Prosecutors.

-Mayor informed the council that AT&T had obtained a permit for installation of a small cell tower to begin in late summer or early fall.

NEW BUSINESS-

-Mayor asked for a motion to approve Resolution #275- 2020 Multi –Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, all voted aye. Resolution #275 passed.

-Mayor asked for a motion to approve new business, Candice Ashley Beauty, at-home hair salon. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

-Mayor asked for approval of the Hillcrest Platte County donation request. The request was denied at this time.

OLD BUSINESS-

-A. Moore shared with the council that she had received a bid from Visage for items to be included in the resident welcome packet. E. Svard stated she would contact A&M Printing for a quote on magnets to be incorporated in the pack. Alderman Hoover will explore additional possibilities for the resident welcome packet.

-Mayor asked for a motion to approve purchase of magnets from A&M Printing, not to exceed \$200. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(1)(3)

Start at 9:03

Ended at 9:46 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

-Micah Woulfe, Woulfe Music, spoke to the councilmembers about a rent reduction, due to pandemic shut down. Copies of Mr. Woulfe's proposal were provided to each council member.

-Mayor asked for a motion to approve rent decrease for Woulfe Music at Imeson Park house to \$850 total for the months of March-August 2020. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye. In addition to the motion, Mr. Woulfe will comply with Addendum #4 in the original rental agreement.

-Mr. Woulfe asked for internet access to be upgraded so that he is able to use Wi-Fi with his customers/clients.

-Mayor asked for a motion to approve purchase of a “booster” to be placed at the Imeson Park house, not to exceed \$100. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Lawson seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:42p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted- A. Moore