

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney

Public: 10

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:15 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies made available to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2023 and today's agenda. Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley nominated Britton Snyder to fill the position of Ward 2 Alderman and moved the Board for approval of his appointment. Alderman Wright so moved, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye. B. Snyder thereafter sworn in as Ward 2 Alderman by the City Clerk, with execution and acknowledgment of written oath.
- Certificate of Appreciation presented to Boy Scout Troop 444 for their hard work and volunteer service at Imeson Park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT

- In Chief Kern's absence, Alderman Cory presented report on October and November police activity. November saw a modest increase in total service calls at 49, versus 29 in October. This increase is not cause for concern, rather it's an indication that things are getting back to normal now that the dispatch center now is adequately staffed and Officer Ratledge has taken over primary traffic enforcement duties following Sgt. Babbitt's retirement.
- With regard to the 72nd Street/I-29 Bridge project, Chief Kerns has been working with MODot's project manager in an effort to optimize traffic patterns while addressing safety concerns expressed by residents about the shared lanes for northbound Prairie View and westbound 72nd St, as well as "hidden" driveways along 72nd St. MODot has provided the City with details concerning the design choices that were made and the rationale behind each one,

while suggesting that the City install signage on 72nd Street warning drivers about hidden driveways. The City will follow this recommendation.

- Residents are encouraged to follow the Department's facebook page for updates about weather alerts, driving conditions, safety tips, and major events impacting the city. Platte County also issues alerts through TextCaster (<https://tinyurl.com/PWPDTEXT>).

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for October and November. 7 new cases were filed in October, with 17 cases disposed and revenue of \$1,725.90. November saw zero new filings, 19 dispositions, and revenue totaling \$2,073.68. These numbers are a direct reflection of recent police inactivity stemming from the dispatcher shortage and Sgt. Babbitt's retirement. Court Clerk reports no significant concerns as she gains proficiency in Show-Me-Courts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- No formal Alderman remarks.

- Mayor Smedley provided report on Imeson Park, noting an increase in rentals through the holiday season and expressing thanks to the Platte Woods Community Club for hosting the recent Luminary Walk event.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman provided report on the City's financial documents for the months of October and November, with no concerns noted.

- In response to a question from the public re: Paybills Resolution #12-12-23, an error was noted re: duplicate payroll entries. After additional review it was determined that entries were inadvertently imported into QuickBooks from the payroll system twice instead of once, but only one check was actually issued to each of the payees. Paybills Resolution #12-12-23 to be amended by removing the duplicate entries.

- Alderman Hoover moved to approve Paybills Resolution #11-09-23 (October) and #12-12-23 (November) as amended, Alderman Wright seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Certificate of Appreciation presented to Jerry Hoover for his volunteer work at Imeson Park.

- Letter expressing thanks to MODot and all other parties/entities involved in the 72nd Street Bridge project to be issued by Mayor Smedley.

- Mayor Smedley echoed Chief Kerns' recommendation re: the use of TextCaster and noted that residents can find a link to the service on the Police Department's facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Mayor Smedley asked the Board for approval of the bid from ACS Pumping Equipment to replace the grinder pump and related equipment at Crystal Pool, not to exceed \$5,743.00. Following discussion of the work to be done and the expected life span of the new pump (12-16 years), Alderman Hoover motioned to approve the bid, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

- Ordinance 868, approving the City's execution of a new 10-year agreement with Platte County concerning the distribution of sales tax proceeds for transportation-related improvements within

city limits, taken up by the Board. Mayor Smedley provided an overview of the agreement, City Clerk Shaw read Ordinance No. 868 twice by title, Alderman Cory motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 869 – An Ordinance Revising Title IV, Chapter 400, Article VI, Section 400.220, Pertaining to Long-Term Rentals and Adoption Section 400.225, Pertaining to Short-Term Rentals. Following discussion of key provisions and plans for implementation, City Clerk Shaw read Ordinance No. 869 twice by title. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman Wright seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- No old business taken up. Audience member and new resident, Alan Bloomquist, introduced by Mayor Smedley, with discussion of Mr. Bloomquist's engineering experience and willingness to volunteer his skills in any way he can be of help to the City.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Snyder so moved, Alderman Wright seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting announced for January 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw