



CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met July 9, 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 (Absent)

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 June 11, 2020 meeting minutes and today's agenda with amendment by adding a new business application under new business. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2020 and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

-Daniel Choudhry requested approval for new business license for vape distribution, located at 7538 NW Prairie View. Alderman Hoover inquired about the size of the business and operating hours. Alderman White asked if supplies would be stored on site. Mr. Choudhry answered that all materials would be stored at the business location. Mayor asked for approval of new business, pending county licenses. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve, Alderman White seconded the motion, all voted aye.

POLICE REPORT-

-Chief Kerns reported on June 2020 police activity. Copies of police activity given to Alderman. Chief Kerns explained that the church has been contacted about maintenance on the property.
-Alderman Lawson and Alderman White shared that there were dead trees on Redhaw Lane that needed to be attended to. Chief Kerns also explained that the dead trees around the City were being checked.

COURT REPORT-

-A. Moore presented the June 2020 court report, with \$2,375.00 in total revenue and 20 cases disposed. A. Moore shared that Court was in session for the first time since COVID and had minimal attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

-Alderman Hoover stated she appreciated the new format of the budget reports. Alderman Hoover also stated she will contact the new Platte Woods residents and welcome them to the City.

-Alderman Lawson inquired about fireworks in the City, as they were shot off during 4th of July holiday. Mayor will have the police department monitor that property in the future for violations.

-Alderman White had no comments

-Alderman Cory had no comments

-Mayor shared on behalf of the Park Committee. The park areas have been treated and the park trail has been used by residents on a regular basis in the past month. The park benches are still in progress of being ordered and bought.

-Alderman Lawson asked about the work north of Red Haw Lane. Mayor answered that the water company is connecting water lines to Lake Waukomis.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

-A. Moore gave the report on the city's financial documents. There are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow or budget vs. actual documents. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve Paybills Resolution #07-09-20, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

-Mayor shared that the MML Conference will be held in September at Jefferson City with 660 cities represented. The Platte County Mayors group met last week and discussed legislative agenda.

-Mayor stated that street repairs within the City will continue until the end of the month.

-Mayor explained that the City of Platte Woods received grant for Oakridge Court. Request for Proposals will go out for new contractors, with hopes that the project will be completed by December 2020.

-Mayor shared that he was able to distribute information about the Platte County Survive and Thrive grant to the businesses in Platte Woods. The grant gives small businesses financial aid during the pandemic. So far there have been 6 businesses within Platte Woods that have applied and received the grant.

NEW BUSINESS-

-Mayor explained that the assessments from the county will need to be received before the 2021 Tax Levy and Budget can be set. Once the assessments are received a public hearing will be held to determine the budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Mayor added that the tax numbers are decreasing and a downfall in revenue is anticipated. The City of Platte Woods budget will need to be amended to reflect these ups and downs.

OLD BUSINESS-

-Alderman Lawson and Alderman Hoover updated the council about acquiring house numbers for all houses in Platte Woods. Alderman Hoover checked with the South Platte Emergency Fire Protection and was informed that the house numbers can be made and installed for \$10 each. Alderman Lawson and Alderman Hoover suggested that a public hearing be held to get the opinions of the residents. Alderman Lawson and Alderman Hoover will continue to explore options and hopefully be able to make a decision by November or December.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

-Person who failed to identify himself asked the council about a 2020 Campaign flyer that was distributed to Platte Woods residents. His question was why the flyer had not been disputed or addressed openly by the City. Mayor explained that the City was still in litigation with the parties involved and was not able to discuss the accusations. Unidentified person asked the Chief of Police if Platte Woods Police Department was considered a “traffic control unit or a patrol unit”. Chief answered that Platte Woods Police responsibilities include both. Unidentified person also inquired about the status of the officers that are no longer employed at the Police Department. Chief of Police explained that matter was under litigation, and could not be discussed. Unidentified person asked why Officer Gallaher had been promoted to Deputy Chief, when other officers had been at the police department longer and then asked how long Officer Gallaher had been employed. Chief Kerns explained that Officer Gallaher had been promoted as a result of his full time work history and experience. Unidentified person asked Chief Kerns if he indeed did have inappropriate pictures of another employee on his phone, and asked that Chief Kerns hand over his personal phone. Chief Kerns declined to hand over his phone and stated that was incorrect information.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted- A. Moore