

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Candice Wortman, Treasurer
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney
Kathy Rollins, Park Director
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OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:07 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies made available to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 8, 2023, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the month of June, noting a slight increase in reports of suspicious persons. Traffic stops remain down as reported in previous months due to road construction projects, road closures, and dispatch staffing shortages in Platte County. New dispatchers have been hired but training will take several months, per the county. Finally, additional signage has been approved by MODot re: heavy trucks not allowed on city streets.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for June. 62 new cases were filed, 78 cases were resolved, and \$7,756.50 in fines and court costs were collected. Show-Me-Training continues with no significant issues to report. Saltus (DigiTicket) has reported successful initial testing of the new ticket redaction functionality that has to be integrated into the City's digital ticketing system to comply with new Supreme Court Rules, but an official deployment date hasn't been set yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park, with no issues or action items to be taken up at this time. Rentals remain slow. Recent storms have caused some tree damage, to be cleaned up by Day Tree Service as soon as their schedule allows.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Treasurer Wortman provided report 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 #07-13-23, Alderman Wright seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Chief Kerns has announced that he will be retiring from his position with the Police Department in 2024. Revisions to the City's budget will be made accordingly as future plans for the department develop.
- List of issue/action items created by a resident (outlining various projects, etc. referenced in the minutes of council meetings between April 2020 and April 2023) brought to the Board's attention. Per Mayor Smedley, most of the listed items have long since been resolved. Discussion was had re: official "action" items vs. general items of discussion not reflected in meeting minutes, which are intended only to document major points of discussion rather than serve as full transcripts.
- The City received an estimate from GFI Digital Services, the current servicer of the City's 9-year-old Ricoh copier/fax/scanner, outlining replacement options and service plans. After discussion, consensus is to continue with the current arrangement as the copier is still fully functional and meeting demands.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Occupancy License application for Candice Ashley Beauty was taken up. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Wright seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- Proposed Budget for FY2024 taken up, with copies distributed to all attendees and reviewed by the Board of Aldermen and Treasurer Wortman. Per Mayor Smedley, the City is projected to break even under this budget proposal. Following discussion re: projected expenses, revenues, and investments, Mayor Smedley asked for a motion approving the Budget for FY2024 as proposed. Alderman Cory so motioned, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Potential regulations to be placed on short-term rentals and right-of-way access taken up by the Board. Following discussion between the Board and the City Attorney re: state-wide legislative trends, housing market trends, the potential for litigation, and costs to the City associated with enforcement and legal challenges, all agreed to table this item pending additional research/investigation and input from legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Next meeting announced for August 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw