

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley, Mayor
Larry Cory, Alderman
Lauren Riggs, Alderman
Randy White, Alderman

Jane Hoover, Alderman
Jessica Shaw, City Administrator/Attorney
Kathy Rollins, Park Director
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OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:05 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the December 8, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2022, and today's agenda. Alderman White motioned to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT

- Alderman Cory provided report on police activity for the month of December, with no notable events aside from numerous false alarms in the business sector (business owners are now being invoiced each time, per city ordinance). There was also a report of damage to a small area of grass along City right-of-way caused by utility vehicles, and the responsible contractor has been notified of the problem. The City will continue to monitor the situation.
- Alderman Hoover asked about the number of thefts reported (2). Per Mayor Smedley, these were both incidents reported by a business owner after the fact.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for the month of December, 2022, with 174 new citations having been filed, 64 citations disposed, and total revenues of \$7,027.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- At the prompting of Alderman Riggs, further discussion was had re: damage to City right-of-way by utility contractors, along with questions about phone lines that have been run along the west side of Tomahawk. Per Mayor Smedley, the contractor has notified the City that this wire

will eventually be buried but not until AT&T finishes merging the lines to the residences in this area. AT&T has not yet responded to requests from the City for a completion date.

- Alderman Riggs also inquired about concrete boxes that have been installed on Tomahawk as part of the City's storm water management system. Per Mayor Smedley, the aesthetics of these structures should be improved with further backfill and landscaping.

- Lastly, Alderman Riggs raised the issue of increasing numbers of stray dogs being seen throughout the City and asked for suggestions/resources on dealing with them. Platte County's animal control department only services unincorporated areas of the county, leaving residents with limited options. Social media and local rescue groups were suggested for dogs whose owners cannot be identified. Residents allowing dogs to run loose should be reported to the Police Department's non-emergency line (816-741-7973) as this is a potential violation of the City's animal-at-large ordinances.

-Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park, noting no major issues or concerns at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- Alderman Hoover provided report on the City's financial documents and stated there are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow, or budget vs. actual reports.

-Alderman Cory moved to approve Paybills Resolution #12-08-22, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- 72nd Street is slated to close sometime in February or March and will remain closed to all but emergency vehicles for an estimated 13-15 months as part of bridge work on I-29.

- 6500 NW Tower Drive, in the business district, is currently undergoing a 6,000 sq.ft. renovation and the owner reports full occupancy again.

- No budget concerns have been noted at this point in the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Heartland Home Health, LLC's 2023 Occupancy License was taken up. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS-

- In response to a question regarding the installation of Google Fiber, Mayor Smedley indicated that Google does not currently have any plans to operate within the City of Platte Woods so AT&T and Spectrum remain the only options for internet service.

- In response to questions about the replacement of trees on private property that were taken down on as part of the storm water project on Tomahawk, Mayor Smedley explained that it's up to each individual landowner to decide what trees, if any, they would like to have replaced (with the limitation that sewer lines must remain accessible). Concerns about dead and dying trees on private property were also expressed, but this is not related to any City project and is not a City issue. Many trees throughout the City are nearing the end of their life cycle and property owners may remove/replace them as they see fit but the City has no authority to regulate the number of trees on privately-owned property.

- Further discussion was held in response to a complaint about the aesthetics of the new concrete storm water boxes on Tomahawk. Mayor Smedley provided a detailed accounting as to the environmental concerns and specific topographical features of the area that necessitated the use of these boxes by the engineers overseeing the project in order to accommodate the new, larger culverts that have been installed. While these boxes may not be particularly pleasing to look at, functionality based on topography and hydrology demands has to take precedence over appearance. Mayor Smedley also explained that the project is not complete and the boxes will not be as noticeable once grading and backfill is complete. Additional landscaping by the owners of the properties on which these boxes are located may also be utilized to reduce their visibility.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Cory so moved, Alderman Riggs seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw