

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on Thursday, March 9, 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

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 7:01 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the January 12, 2023, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies provided to all attendees. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2023, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Riggs seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns provided report on police activity for the months of January and February. False alarms in the business sector continue to occur, but the issue has gotten much better. The City saw an increase in motor vehicle accidents, but not significantly when considered in conjunction with inclement weather patterns. The department anticipates accidents will pick up when bridge work begins on I-29 at 72nd Street. Another noticeable trend has been an increase in the number of citations issued for expired plates, license violations, and driving without proof of insurance. Chief Kerns wrapped up his report with a reminder to residents that thefts from vehicles and mailboxes are likely to start happening with more frequency as warm weather approaches so be sure to lock cars and turn on flood lights at night, etc.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report for the months of January and February. 41 citations were issued in January, with 79 citations resolved and total revenues of \$7,027.00. In February, 43 citations were filed, 57 were resolved, and revenues totaled \$10,685.03. Court personnel are gaining proficiency with Show-Me-Courts and most of the technical issues they've been encountering (such as tickets not importing correctly after digital approval by the prosecutor) have been resolved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Riggs inquired about the expected impact of 72nd Street being closed during bridge work on I-29. Per Chief Kerns, the department plans to have an increased presence and will increase enforcement in the area (especially near schools/churches) but there's no way to predict what impact the closure will ultimately end up having on the City. He added that one likely outcome will be an increase in fuel consumption by patrolling officers. At this time, the City has not been provided with any information about signage that may be put up alerting drivers to lane/ramp closures. Aside from temporary closures, eastbound drivers on 72nd Street should be able to access the southbound lanes of I-29, while westbound drivers should have access to the northbound lanes of the interstate.
- Alderman Riggs reported receiving a suggestion from residents about putting stone veneers around any concrete sewer boxes that are not at grade in order to improve aesthetics. Mayor Smedley suggested that Alderman Riggs, as the head of the Public Works Committee, begin moving forward with this project.
- Alderman White asked for a status update on the final stages of the storm water project on Tomahawk. Per Mayor Smedley, Underground KC has now reported that their portion of work being done by/on behalf of AT&T is now complete. Site Rite, the contractor who put in the boxes, should now be able to complete backfilling and re-sodding (weather permitting).
- Alderman White asked a number of questions pertaining to franchise agreements and ordinances governing access to City right-of-way by utility companies and contractors. Per the City Attorney, state statutes govern the collection of franchise fees from utilities that provide services within city limit and the City is currently collecting the maximum percentage allowed by law. Right-of-way access is a separate matter that can be regulated by local ordinance. Although the City has historically enjoyed very good working relationships with the various utility companies and contractors who access the right-of-way, the City Attorney recommends the City consider passing an ordinance to more clearly delineate the process. Draft language will be presented to the Board for consideration in the near future. Further discussion was had concerning the realities of trying to implement a formal permitting process on top of all the other duties of the city clerk's office, without the budgetary resources to hire additional staff and/or expand City Hall's hours of operation.
- Alderman White inquired about the possibility of using a service like eCode to make the City's ordinances available online in a searchable format. Per the City Attorney, this possibility is being considered in conjunction with the plan to overhaul the code in its entirety over the course of the next year.
- Alderman White indicated that some residents have expressed an interest in receiving copies of all of the documents included in the packets that are disseminated to council members prior to each month's meeting. Per the City Attorney, these documents can and often do contain information (such as occupational license applications, confidential employee records, legal work product, auditor work product, etc.) that is protected from public disclosure. If residents wish to review specific documents such as those pertaining to storm water projects, they are encouraged to make a request pursuant to Missouri's Sunshine Laws.
- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park. The park dedication plaque and the Platte County Parks and Rec plaque have been delivered and both were passed around for inspection by the Board. The memorial bench that was originally delivered with some damage to the frame

has now been repaired and re-delivered. Rentals have been steadily increasing, making it more important than ever to get wi-fi issues resolved so the smart lock doesn't keep losing connection.

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 Cory moved to approve Paybills Resolution #2-9-23 and Paybills Resolution #3-9-23, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Residents are reminded about the election on 4/4/23 and are encouraged to vote. Jane Hoover is on the ballot for Ward 1 Alderman and Gerry Gavin is running for Ward 2 Alderman.
- Residents can find the latest information and plans concerning work to be performed at I-29 and 72nd Street by visiting MODot's website. Information is also available on the police department's Facebook page.
- Design plans for the sidewalk project at the north end of Prairie View have been disseminated for review and are now awaiting MODot approval. Work likely will not begin before August.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Occupancy License application for Massage Therapeutics by Ali was taken up. Alderman White motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, and all voted aye.
- Northland Woodturners would like to rent the basement of Imeson Park for its monthly club meetings. Once the terms are finalized, the rental contract will be presented to the Board for final approval.
- Mayor Smedley asked for a motion approving submission of the 2023 storm water grant application pertaining to the north side of Valley Road to Roanridge. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley nominated Rebecca Wortman to serve as the new court clerk for Platte Woods Municipal Court with agreement by all Board members.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS-

- None.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Cory so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw