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# CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on April 14, 2022, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

## **PRESENT**

John Smedley	Mayor	Chief Jim Kerns
Larry Cory	Alderman	Jessica Shaw, City Clerk
Jane Hoover	Alderman	Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Randy White	Alderman	Community Members: 3
Bert Lawson	Alderman (outgoing)	
Lauren Riggs	Alderman (incoming)	

## **OPENING**

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:00 p.m. Mayor asked the Council to review their copies of the March 10, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. After noting two typographical errors in the body of the minutes, Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 10, 2022, as amended, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, all voted aye.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

- None

## **POLICE REPORT**

- Chief Kerns reported on March police activity, noting an overall decrease in calls for service and false alarms in the business sector.

- 116 calls for service, down from 145 for the month of February.

- Department received one call for service re: handgun found on Prairie View in a ditch. Weapon had Glock markings but turned out to be a bb gun. Residents are advised to be cautious and report any other dangerous items that are found abandoned

-Officer Ratledge has been assigned to handle ordinance violations, with a new batch of warning letters going out to residents now that weather has improved and yard work can be performed.

- The City has completed all tasks related to the implementation of digital ticketing and will be meeting with Saltus (digital ticketing contractor) on 4/19/22 to finalize formatting for the hand-held devices.

## **COURT REPORT-**

- J. Shaw presented the court report, with 117 new cases filed, 72 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$7,311.00 for the month of March, 2022.

- The Office of the State Court Administrator has notified the City that a new court clerk will need to be hired in connection with the launch of Show-Me-Courts. To that end, former City Clerk Amber Moore has agreed to return and act as Court Clerk.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS**

- Alderman Lawson inquired about a missing water cap on Redhaw at Tomahawk; Chief Kerns to follow up with American Water to get it replaced.

- Alderman Lawson reported that additional gravel needs to be placed under the City sign on Roanridge, with Alderman Hoover adding that the trail at Imeson Park is also thin on gravel and is retaining too much water during periods of rain. Mayor Smedley will work to get these areas taken care of, with help from Keith Sargent.

- Discussion was had regarding Christ Lutheran Church's proposal to change the landscaping around the City sign that sits adjacent to the Church, and the possibility of donating that small piece of land to the Church in the near future.

- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson, noting that the memorial benches have been delivered, with assembly and installation to take place over the next month. The City will initially be paying for the benches out of the park trust account that was set up by the donor of the property, with sponsors then reimbursing the City. Four of the seven available benches already have sponsors.

- Acknowledgment and special thanks were given to Susie Lewis, Keith Sargent, and Chris Stock for helping with spring cleanup efforts at the Park.

- Per Kathy Rollins, a new sliding glass door for Imeson Park has been found after a lengthy search, with plans to place an order for it next week. As this expenditure has already been approved, no further Board action is necessary.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS-**

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

- Mayor Smedley noted that the City is exploring additional cost-cutting measures like changing internet service providers, and the budget will be updated in advance of next month's council meeting.

- Alderman Lawson moved to approve Paybills Resolution 04-14-22, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS-**

- Kansas City and MoDOT have obtained federal approval of the recent improvements along eastbound 72<sup>nd</sup> Street so the City's storm water system will now be connected.

- 2022 storm water grant funds are expected sometime in May so contractors will be notified, with plans to perform the work in August and September so as to allow the best chance for replacement sod to take root. This work will include replacing the Oak Ridge culvert that has rotted due to age, connecting to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and up to Tomahawk Lane, installing collection boxes under Tomahawk with a new replacement culvert there. Storm water work will also be completed on Hickory going down to Tomahawk, which was part of the 2021 storm water project.

- As previously discussed, the I-29 bridge crossing over 72<sup>nd</sup> Street is going to be replaced starting in 2023. Updated plans have been received and have been made available to all

Aldermen for review. Bidding will start in January with demo to begin later in the year. Platte Woods will have the option to have the City name embossed on each side of the new bridge (so it will be visible from 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, not I-29).

- Mayor Smedley and other Platte County mayors have been working on several key city and local legislative measures, including changes to special road districts that haven't been addressed since the 1930's, court reform, and a public safety tax to address shortfalls in emergency services.

- Platte County Public Works has a project scheduled for this summer that will include Tower Drive on the west side of the city – it will be milled down 2 inches and resurfaced to address deterioration caused by construction of the water tower.

- Famous Barber Shop, a longtime business in Platte Woods, will likely be closing following the death of its owner, Dennis Jansen.

- Roberta "Bert" Lawson was thanked for her eight years of service as an Alderman and given a certificate of appreciation. She has graciously agreed to continue serving as the NIMS Emergency Management Pod Coordinator for the City.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

- Mayor Smedley, Alderman Cory, and Alderman Riggs were sworn in, to begin their terms following the April 5 election.

- Mayor Smedley asked for a nomination to appoint Amber Moore as the City's new court clerk. Following discussion of court budgeting issues, Alderman Cory so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

- New Business Approvals

- Blue Beetle Pest Control: Employee John provided information and answered questions from the Board. This is a third location that will be used only for storage and employee staging, so it will be very lightly used with no impact on traffic flow or other city services. No combustible materials are to be stored on premises, and all chemicals will be stored securely.
- Empire Window Tinting: Owners Brandon Shank and Joseph Leon provided information and answered questions from the Board, indicating that the bulk of their business consists of automotive window tinting and accessory installation, including remote starters and ignition interlock devices.

Alderman Hoover moved to approve the business license applications and signage proposals of both Blue Beetle Pest Control and Empire Window Tinting. Alderman Cory seconded. All voted aye.

- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 863 – An Ordinance Adopting Sections 380.110, 380.120, and 380.130 of Title III. Traffic Code, Chapter 380: Licensing and Registration, of the City of Platte Woods' Municipal Code, Relating to Financial Responsibility of Drivers. This ordinance mirrors the language of state statutes pertaining to insurance obligations of vehicle owners/operators. J. Shaw read Ordinance No. 863 twice by title. Alderman Cory motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman Hoover seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman White so moved, Alderman Riggs seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw