

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on August 26, 2021, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley Mayor
Larry Cory Alderman
Jane Hoover Alderman
Bert Lawson Alderman
Randy White Alderman
Community members: 5

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Clerk/Attorney
Kathy Rollins, Park Director

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:00 p.m. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the July 8, 2021, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2021, and today's agenda. Alderman White motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns reported on July police activity and copy of police report given to Aldermen. COVID statistics for Platte County provided by Chief Kerns, including zero deaths reported.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the July 2021 court report, with 64 new cases filed, 27 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$2,835.50.
- Per J. Shaw and Chief Kerns, Show Me Courts implementation continues. Electronic ticketing solutions are being explored, with options to buy equipment outright or enter into a lease agreement with software support. The target implementation date remains set at December 1, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Lawson inquired about road improvements at Valley/Roanridge. Per Mayor Smedley, MoDOT's response to inquiries about issues at this location was that the department is extremely short staffed and behind schedule in completing routine mowing and other maintenance projects, but the safety issues have been noted and will be addressed as soon as possible.

- Upon inquiry by Alderman White, Chief Kerns reported that progress is being made with residents who have dead trees, with citations being issued and volunteers being sought to assist residents who are not physically able to remove trees themselves.
- Alderman Hoover requested that MoDOT be asked to adjust the angle of the stoplight on southbound Prairie View at 72nd Street to improve visibility from a distance. Mayor Smedley to follow up with MoDOT about this, as well as to request repositioning of the stop line that's painted on the turn lane, as it currently is too far back to trigger the turn signal.
- Kathy Rollins provided report on Imeson Park updates, as follows:
 - Security cameras have been installed at both entrances, and remote monitoring is working well
 - An updated quote for memorial benches has been requested
 - Exterior lighting should be operational by October
 - No other major projects are scheduled for this calendar year. FY 2022 improvements will include interior lighting upgrades and a new sliding glass door leading out to the back patio.
 - Feedback on rental rates (both current and those set to go into effect on Oct. 1), has been very positive.

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. Further, the City remains operational despite a 34% reduction in revenues stemming from COVID.
- Alderman Lawson moved to approve Paybills Resolution 08-26-21, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Bridge work at I-29 and 72nd Street has been slated to start in the spring of 2022. At this point, it's too early to know the impacts that this major project will have on surrounding streets, or what the finished intersection will look like.
- Recent changes to gas tax rates are expected to benefit the City financially.
- AT&T has indicated that it will be re-focusing its operations on fiber installation, and Mayor Smedley has met with the President of AT&T with the goal of getting 1 gigabyte fiber installed throughout the City.
- Street resurfacing projects have been completed throughout the City.
- Construction on the joint project with Kansas City to design and install sidewalks along Prairie View at Tower Drive is slated to begin in March of 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 861 – TAX LEVY

- Mayor Smedley explained the statutorily-mandated calculations that are used to determine the City's tax rate, based on county assessments of property values. Previously, the City's tax levy rate was .77%. The new rate is lower, at .7346%, although property values have gone up. This tax levy will equate to an increase of approximately \$6.00 per household, with the City receiving about \$0.60.
- Mayor Smedley discussed the City's budget for FY 2022, with expenditures planned for new radios for the police department, electronic ticketing, Show Me Courts equipment, wage increases for police and city staff, and continued improvements to the City's storm water system.

- Following inquiry by a member of the public, Mayor Smedley indicated that improvements to the storm water system along Prairie View are complicated by the fact that MoDOT regulates access to the right-of-way thru that portion of the City. The City will have to comply with MoDOT's permitting requirements which will make the project twice as costly and time-consuming as compared to the other portions of the storm water system. It is anticipated that this final phase will be completed within the next 2 grant cycles, with Alderman Hoover adding that the City has enjoyed great success in applying for and receiving federal grant money thanks to Mayor Smedley.
- Public hearing closed at 7:48.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Ali Rogers of Massage Therapeutics, LLC introduced to Board by Mayor Smedley, and application for business license approved following a motion by Alderman Cory, seconded by Alderman White, with all voting aye.
- Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 861 – An Ordinance Levying a Tax and Setting the Tax Rate on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Subject by Law to Taxation, Within the Limits of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri, for the Year 2021. J. Shaw read Ordinance No. 861 twice by title. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman Hoover seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.
- Following an explanation of proposed revisions to the City Code, Mayor Smedley asked for approval of proposed Ordinance 862 – An Ordinance Revising Sections 400, 500, 510, & 700 of the City of Platte Woods Code, Relating to Detached Structure Dimensions, Storm Water Management, Miscellaneous Street Provisions, and Sanitary Sewer Systems. J. Shaw read Ordinance No. 862 twice by title. Alderman Cory motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman White seconded, all voted aye.
- Mayor Smedley asked for approval to execute the Show Me Courts Agreement, governing the use of Show Me Courts court automation software. Alderman Lawson moved to approve, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- FY 2022 Budget taken up, with forecasted deficit down to \$16,000.00. Mayor Smedley asked for a motion approving the budget for FY 2022. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Hoover so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw