

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met April 8, 2021,
at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

John Smedley Mayor
Randy White Alderman
Larry Cory Alderman
Bert Lawson Alderman

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Clerk/Attorney

Community members: 1

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 March 11, 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 March 11, 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 March 2021 police activity and copy of police report given to Aldermen. Alderman Lawson raised concerns about business advertisement signs in resident yards and residences with too many vehicles parked outside. Chief Kerns indicated these issues will be addressed with the individual residents.

- Per Chief Kerns, Missouri COVID positivity rates are down to below 5%, with 75% of seniors who want the vaccine having received at least one dose, and younger residents now being vaccinated as well. After discussion, the City will continue to leave COVID information on the City's website.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the March 2021 court report, with \$1,788.00 in total revenue and 23 cases disposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman Lawson reported that the City's waste services provider has recently started failing to empty trash bins completely and has been leaving trash/litter in the street. Mayor Smedley indicated that WCA, which provides our trash service, was recently bought out by another

company and is going through a transition period. The City will continue to monitor the situation and contact the company as necessary to address any ongoing problems.

- Alderman Lawson commented on the upcoming severe weather season and need to organize a meeting of the Emergency Pod Captains, as well as finding a replacement for one open position on that committee. Mayor Smedley agreed that the Council will need to work on finding someone to fill that spot, as well as a Parks Director and Zoning Adjustment board.

- Alderman Lawson proposed dates for an Emergency Pod Captains Meeting, to be held at Imeson Park, with no objection.

- Alderman White inquired about the status of janitorial services at both City Hall and Imeson Park, with J. Shaw reporting that a candidate has been selected and will be cleaning both locations at least every other week (in an independent contractor capacity), under the supervision of the City Clerk and the Parks Director.

- Alderman White asked about the status of various code violations within the City, with Chief Kerns reporting that the situation has been referred to the City Prosecutor and will continue to be monitored.

- Kathy Rollins reported on issues pertaining to Imeson Park, including the need to ensure that trash bins make it out to the street for pick up, inventorying and securing property inside the house, making some cosmetic repairs to one of the bathrooms, and updating the City's website with rental information and event photos. Mayor Smedley asked K. Rollins to take action as necessary, including the purchase of cleaning supplies and meeting with the local Girl Scout Troop leader who wants to do some planting at the park as a troop project.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

-In Alderman Hoover's absence, Mayor Smedley reported 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 04-8-21, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Mayor Smedley congratulated Aldermen Hoover and White on their recent re-elections, with swearing in to occur at next month's council meeting.

- Mayor Smedley reported on topics discussed at the most recent meeting of all the Platte County Mayors, including court reform, internet sales tax at the local level, and increasing crime rates across the county. Chief Kerns suggested sending an email to all residents with tips on remaining safe and deterring crime, with Mayor Smedley discussing the possibility of putting together a public safety ballot initiative in advance of the next election.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Mayor Smedley introduced proposed Ordinance 859 which would ask qualified voters during the November 2021 election to decide whether to forgo annual municipal elections for a period of six years if the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats up for election. After discussion, J. Shaw read Ordinance No. 859 twice by title. Alderman Cory motioned to approve with roll call, Alderman White seconded, roll call taken and all voted aye.

- Repair of a leak in the Men's Restroom at City Hall is necessary, with very minimal cost anticipated.

- Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the City's inclusion in a letter to be submitted to Kansas City by the Platte County Mayors group in support of making further enhancements to the Buck O'Neill Bridge beyond the plans that have been approved thus far. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

- After indicating that the City has never had a formal tow contract with any service provider, Chief Kerns proposed a web service called "Auto Tow" that is easy to use, reduces favoritism among vendors, and comes recommended by the Platte County Sheriff's Department. The other alternative would be to put out a request for bids on a private contract. Alderman White moved to authorize Platte Woods' Police Department to utilize the Auto Tow website, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- In the absence of Alderman Hoover, discussion and approval of the City's revised budget will be set over to next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman White so moved, Alderman Lawson seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw