



CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met January 9, 2020 at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Judy Hull, Treasurer
Amber Moore, City Clerk (absent)
Chief Jim Kerns
Erika Nielson, Park Director (absent)
Jessica Shaw, City Attorney/Court Clerk

Community members: 7

OPENING- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:03 pm. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2019, and today's agenda. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman Cory seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- No formal public participation.

POLICE REPORT-

- Written report given to council members in meeting packets with Chief Kerns giving verbal report on police activity for December 2019.
- Most notable activity included recovery of a stolen auto from the BP gas station, suspicious activity along Crystal Pool drive, harrasment in the form of telephone threats, a 4-vehicle accident, parking complaints related to construction on 72nd Street, 63 traffic stops, and 3 outside jurisdiction warrant arrests.
- Per Chief Kerns, the department continues to work code violations, with the church having done some significant clean up work on its property. Dead tree letters also went out in mid-December.
- Cancellation of police services contract with Lake Waukomis discussed. Chief Kerns explained that the amount of time being spent by officers in Lake Waukomis versus the amount of time spent policing Platte Woods had become inequitable in terms of the amount of money being paid by Lake Waukomis. During contract negotiations for the 2020 calendar year, Mayor Smedley proposed an increase in the pricing to reduce the burden on Platte Woods' residents and Lake Waukomis declined to renew the contract. As a result, the Police Department reviewed its staffing needs and determined that it would be more cost effective to retain 4 full-time officers to

cover all available shifts rather than relying on reserve officers. This has resulted in a 20% increase in coverage, with at least 1 officer now on duty 7 days a week.

- In response to a question from the public, Chief Kerns explained the mutual aid relationship between the Police Department, Platte County, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Weatherby Lake. Because Lake Waukomis no longer has a police force, residents there will be dependent on county law enforcement.

- In response to another question from the public regarding motor vehicle accidents on NW Roanridge near Crystal Pool Drive, Mayor Smedley confirmed that signage along that route is the responsibility of MoDot. Mayor Smedley further stated that MoDot has recently surveyed the area and is working with the City to address signage issues. Chief Kerns indicated that the police department will step up enforcement of the speed limit on NW Roanridge.

COURT REPORT-

-Jessica Shaw presented the December 2019 court report, with \$3,400.50 in total revenue and 31 cases disposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Per Alderman White and Mayor Smedley, the owner of the property where the tree fell at Hilltop and Tomahawk has been notified.

- In response to a question from Alderman White, Mayor Smedley stated that all water main replacement work within city limits has been completed, including removal of metal plates from the streets. City will contact Missouri American Water in the spring if any issues arise from the work that was performed.

- Chief Kerns informed everyone that the water company has a program residents can sign up for in order to be notified of water outages. Alderman Lawson volunteered to put this information up on the City's website.

- Alderman Lawson asked about a weight limit ordinance for City streets. Mayor Smedley stated that there is already such an ordinance in place and that any damage already done should be repaired by MoDot.

- Alderman Lawson also asked about the progress of construction work along 72nd Street. Mayor Smedley provided an update, indicating that an issue with one of the gas mains caused a delay and as of Monday, December 9, crews were working on stormdrains/storm boxes and would then move on to grading the street in the area of the Sinclair gas station and Tomahawk Lane, followed by fly ashing and asphaltting. Weather permitting, work is expected to be completed within 3 to 4 weeks.

- Alderman Lawson proposed installation of dog waste containers, and volunteered to empty them regularly. Potential locations were discussed and Mayor Smedley proposed that a maintenance plan be put together along with a survey of homeowners' willingness to have containers placed in their vicinity.

- Alderman Lawson asked about the possibility of an electronic quarterly newsletter being sent out to residents to provide updates on City projects, events, and news. Mayor Smedley expressed concern that a quarterly update might be a challenge but sending them twice a year with the sewer bills might be doable.

On a related note, Alderman Lawson indicated that the Police Department still has a 2019 letter on the City's website and Chief Kerns responded that a 2020 letter will be written to replace the old one.

- Alderman Lawson wondered how many 2020 registration forms have been received. Chief Kerns and Jessica Shaw spoke to this issue, indicating that a fair number of these forms have been submitted by residents. Mayor Smedley stressed the importance of the emergency contact forms being filled out completely so that the City can meet its obligations under FEMA.
- In the absence of Parks Director Erika Nielson, Mayor Smedley reported on the status of renovations and upgrades to Imeson Park. Only minor touch-up work is left.

FINANCIAL REPORTS-

- In the absence of Treasurer Judy Hull, Mayor Smedley gave the report on the financial documents. There are no concerns with Paybills resolution, cashflow or budget vs. actual documents. Alderman Lawson motioned to approve Paybills Resolution #01-09-20, Alderman White seconded. All voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- City trying to figure out the intermittent power outages with input from Evergy. It doesn't have anything to do with 72nd Street construction or water main work. Mayor Smedley suspects it may be related to recent high winds and snow.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Mayor asked council members to review 2020 occupancy license applications. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve license applications, Alderman Lawson seconded. All voted aye. Licenses to be issued by the City Clerk to those applicants who have paid all associated fees.
- Mayor Smedley stated that the stormwater grant has been released and asked for authorization to fill out the grant documents so watershed issues along Oakridge and Tomahawk can be addressed. Kansas City and MoDot have both provided letters of support so the City should have a pretty good chance to receive a grant. Grants will not be issued until March 31 which means work wouldn't be able to commence until June or July. Alderman Cory motioned to authorize submittal of the 2020 stormwater grant application, Alderman Hoover seconded. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

- Question asked about gravel in ditches from snow removal. Mayor Smedley stated that the contractor has been notified and has agreed to fix this problem.
- Comment from resident that he appreciates the City's efforts in getting a dead end sign placed on Arbor Creek Lane and in otherwise providing services to the residents.
- Question from resident regarding dates of yard waste pickup. Another resident stated that she has spoken to the trash company and was told that yard waste is not picked up in January or February. Mayor Smedley stated that yard waste is not part of the City's contract but that residents can contact WCA directly.

ADJOURNMENT- Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lawson so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Mayor indicated that there would not be a

council meeting in February due to a conflict with the Mayor's Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – J. Shaw