

CITY OF PLATTE WOODS

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Platte Woods, Missouri met on March 10, 2022, at City Hall, 6750 NW Tower Drive, Platte Woods, Missouri.

PRESENT

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

Chief Jim Kerns
Jessica Shaw, City Clerk
Candice Wortman, City Treasurer
Community Members: 3

OPENING

- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smedley at 7:09 p.m. Smedley asked the Council to review their copies of the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes and today's agenda. Copies of the agenda provided to all attendees. After noting an error in the date of the next meeting on the agenda, Mayor Smedley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2022, and today's agenda, as amended. Alderman Hoover motioned to approve, Alderman White seconded the motion, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

- None

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Kerns reported on February police activity, noting an increase in weather-related traffic accidents for the month and false alarms in the business sector. Chief Kerns suggests that the City consider passing an ordinance providing for the assessment of penalties for repeated false alarm calls.

- 145 calls for service, down from 160 for the month of January.

- The department is still waiting for delivery of new secure radios – delivery has been delayed due to supply chain issues following the pandemic.

- The department is implementing a new approach to ordinance violations, and will be sending out warning letters with a 10-day grace period before formal action will be taken against the property owner.

COURT REPORT-

- J. Shaw presented the court report, with 77 new cases filed, 39 cases resolved, and total revenues of \$4,631.00 for the month of February, 2022.

- Judge Blair has reported that he would prefer to continue using the current file system during court, and therefore no computer needs to be purchased for the bench.

- Discussion was had regarding the City's plan to update the City's ordinances, as the last major update was over 5 years ago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ALDERMEN'S REMARKS

- Alderman White reported that limb cleanup efforts have been successful, with elderly residents expressing appreciation for the volunteer help. Alderman White indicated that he will continue to offer assistance to residents needing such help.
- Mayor Smedley provided report on Imeson Park, noting that the memorial benches have been shipped out and installation should happen by the end of April. The benches will be paid for out of the park fund, with sponsors to reimburse the City.
- Alderman Hoover noted that portions of the walking trail are in need of gravel so this will also be addressed.

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's road fund numbers are skewed right now, but will level off with grant spending later this fiscal year.
- Alderman Cory moved to approve Paybills Resolution 03-10-22, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

MAYOR'S REMARKS-

- Reminder about upcoming election on 4/5/22, with discussion of the candidates and the cost saving to the City if the ballot measure re: forgoing elections for 6 years if the number of candidates equals the number of open offices is approved by voters.
- Bridge work at I-29 and 72nd Street, once complete, will feature the City's name in embossed lettering on the sides of the bridge.
- Mayor Smedley noted that, with minimal snow events, snow plowing expenses are down for the year.
- Gator's will be hosting a charity event on 4/23/22. A portion of the parking lot will be blocked off for patrons to gather outside (there will be alcohol served outdoors). Surrounding businesses should not be impacted.
- The upcoming sidewalk project on Prairie View, near Tower Drive, will include a pedestrian crosswalk. Funding for this project will be 80% federal, 10% Kansas City, and 10% Platte Woods.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Christ Lutheran Church has proposed new shrubbery to frame the City sign at the corner of 72nd Street and Prairie View. Drawings reviewed by Aldermen. Alderman Hoover moved to approve the new landscaping design, Alderman Cory seconded, and all voted aye. Mayor Smedley additionally noted that the City might consider donating this piece of land to the church so that it no longer has to be maintained by the City.
- NBI, Inc. offers a subscription service that will allow the City to keep current on a variety of municipal law topics, with the goal of ensuring best practices in the administration of the City. It will also assist the City in preparing a comprehensive update of City ordinances to better address recent trends, like short-term rentals. The cost to the City would be \$1,400.00 annually, to be paid in monthly installments. Alderman White motioned to approve joining this service, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye.

-The police department has completed an audit of old/damaged/unusual uniform items and items and proposes destruction of items not suitable for use or donation. Alderman Cory motioned to approve this proposal, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

- 2022 Storm Grant applications are due March 18, 2022. Mayor Smedley's proposal reviewed by the Board of Aldermen, with grammatical revisions suggested. With those revisions to be made, Alderman Hoover moved to approve the grant application language, Alderman White seconded, and all voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS-

- None.

ADJOURNMENT-

-Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman White so moved, Alderman Hoover seconded, and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted- J. Shaw