

WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

MINUTES

CITY OF MATTHEWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 12, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Billy Harris called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present:

- Mayor Billy Harris
- Alderman Reggi Vandever
- Alderman Michael Wareham
- Alderman Travis Russom
- Alderman John Gardner
- City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald

Council Members Absent:

- None

A quorum was present.

Also Present:

Ronnie Adams (Police Chief), T.J. Gantner (Fire Chief), Manuel Spraggs (Water/Wastewater Operator), Scott Gilliam (Code Enforcement), April Spraggs (City Clerk), Patrick Garrison (New Madrid Ambulance District), Tim Jordan, Charles Overton, and Lee Gardner.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Billy Harris.

4. Prayer

Led by April Spraggs.

5. Approval of Minutes

- **April 14, 2025, Council Meeting:**
Motion by Alderman Michael Wareham, seconded by Alderman John Gardner.
Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*
- **April 28, 2025, Special Meeting:**
Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever, seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.
Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

6. Appointments & Public Comments

- **Patrick Garrison (New Madrid Ambulance District):**
Discussed tornado siren upgrades and explained that due to system upgrades, the district will discontinue use of current equipment. The equipment, still used by Matthews, can be relocated—possibly to the water tower. Rusty from G&D quoted approximately \$1,500 for removal and reinstallation. The old equipment can be transferred to the City.

Decision: Siren upgrades tabled until the next meeting for more information.

- **Tim Jordan (Resident):**
Addressed truck parking issues on Loves Industrial Drive and provided an update on complaints regarding the cotton gin. Shared a QR code from DNR for filing complaints and noted he will follow up with the state in January.
- **Charles Overton:**
Requested an update on Clark Street cleanup, citing lack of progress.
- **Streetlight Request:**
Mayor relayed a request from resident Sue Schuerenberg for a streetlight at 100 Parsons, Matthews, MO 63867.

Motion: Alderman Michael Wareham made a motion to approve installation of the streetlight at resident's expense. Seconded by Alderman Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

7. Department Reports

Police Department

Report delivered by Chief Ronnie Adams.

Fire Department

Report delivered by Chief T.J. Gantner.

Maintenance Department

Report given by Manuel Spraggs.

- **Mini-split A/C Unit Request:**
Manuel requested \$600 for a mini-split air conditioner for the shop office.

Motion: Alderman John Gardner moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Alderman Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

Code Enforcement

Report given by Scott Gilliam.

Clerk's Report

- April Spraggs presented the monthly financial report (via Alderman Vandever).
- **Haunting at the Park (Oct 25):** Requested use of park and \$1,000 for decorations and candy.

Motion: Alderman Reggi Vandever moved to approve. Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

- **Christmas in the Park:** Requested \$1,000 for decorations.

Motion: Alderman Michael Wareham moved to approve \$2,000 total for lights and decorations. Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

- **Raingear for Maintenance Staff:**
Mayor requested checking with Aramark for options.

8. Old & Ongoing Business

Street & Drainage Grant

Motion to apply for grant by Alderman Michael Wareham. Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

Lead & Copper Grant

Application submitted.

Street Cameras & Police Garage

Discussions held. No action taken.

Timmy Farrenburg Bid

Awaiting more information.

9. New Business

Ordinance 741 – Adoption of New Code of Ordinances

- **First Reading:** Conducted by Mayor Billy Harris.
- **Second Reading:** Conducted by Mayor.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Michael Wareham. Seconded by Aldermen John Gardner and Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

Park Equipment Repainting

Discussion on repainting equipment at park entrance. No formal motion recorded.

Liquor Licenses

Motion by Alderman Michael Wareham to approve licenses for Loves and Pilot Travel Stops. Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

Landscaping Request

Request by April Spraggs for \$1,000 to landscape the bank, park sign, and police department.

Motion: Alderman Reggi Vandever. Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

City Hall Generator – Steel Poles

Alderman John Gardner proposed purchasing two steel poles from Yarboroughs for \$90 each.

Motion: Alderman Michael Wareham. Seconded by Alderman Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All Ayes. *Motion passed.*

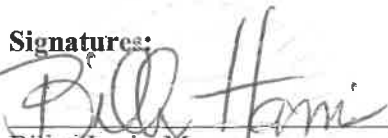
10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Alderman John Gardner. Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.

Vote: All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Signatures:



Billy Harris, Mayor

6-9-25

Date



April Spraggs, City Clerk

6-9-25

Date