

WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Billy Harris.

PRAYER

Led by April Spraggs.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

- Alderman Michael Wareham

Also Present:

City Employees: Scott Gilliam, Ashley Reynolds, Tim Hise, Donna Russom, & April Spraggs

Residents: Armond Porter Jody O'Barr, Jennifer Byassee, Shelly Plunk, & Laura Spraggs

A quorum was present.

APPROVALS

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve the June agenda.

Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes (May 12, 2025)

Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Mizti Dell** joined by phone to discuss the Street & Drainage CDBG Grant. The updated preliminary report was unavailable. A follow-up meeting will be held to review the updated report.
 - **Laura Spraggs** addressed the council regarding an incident that began at City Hall and continued to her residence. She requested further investigation into how the situation was handled.
 - **Shelly Plunk** spoke in support of Ben Pyles and requested his reinstatement.
 - **Jennifer Byassee** also spoke in support of Ben Pyles, stating he was not treated fairly by the previous administration.
-

REPORTS

Police

Assistant Chief Tim Hise presented the May report and requested a 2024 police budget increase due to equipment costs for new police vehicles.

Council agreed to consider the request.

Fire

No report (T.J. Gantner absent).

Water/Maintenance

Mayor Harris presented the maintenance report in the absence of Manuel Spraggs.

- Manuel requested a permanent generator for the Flying J lift station.
 - Alderman Gardner recommended gathering pricing.
 - Alderman Vandever requested additional information.
- Manuel also requested a \$3,400 meter to test VO & PH levels.
 - Motion by Alderman John Gardner to approve the purchase.
 - Seconded by Alderman Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement

Report presented by Scott Gilliam.

Clerk

April Spraggs gave her report.

- Requested approval for updated streetlight purchase in the amount of \$13,550.
 - Motion by Alderman John Gardner to approve.
 - Seconded by Alderman Reggi Vandever.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Tornado Siren:**
Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve \$1,500 to relocate siren equipment.
Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
 - **Electric for Carport:** *Tabled*
 - **Raingear:** *Tabled*
 - **Bid from Timmy Farrenberg (S. Calvin Ditch Improvements):**
Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve.
Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
-

NEW BUSINESS

- **First Reading:**
 - **Resolution 060925 - Excessive Force**
 - **Ordinance 724 - Fair Housing**
Read by Mayor Harris.
- **Live Nativity Animals:**
Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve expense for animals for First Missionary Baptist Church's live nativity.
Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Second Reading and Passage:**
 - **Resolution 060925 - Excessive Force**
 - Motion by Alderman John Gardner, seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.
 - Alderman Votes: Vandever - Aye, Russom – Aye, Gardner - Aye
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
 - **Ordinance 724 - Fair Housing**
 - Motion by Alderman Travis Russom, seconded by Alderman John Gardner.
 - Alderman Votes: Vandever - Aye, Russom – Aye, Gardner - Aye.
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Attorney's Conference:**
Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to approve expenses for City Attorney's conference.
Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.
Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.
- **CDBG Application:**
The council reviewed and signed the following required forms for the grant application:
 - FEIN
 - FY24 Financial Statement
 - Section 3 Form
 - Civil Rights Form
 - Application Certificate
 - Lobbying Form
 - Fair Housing Ordinance
 - Excessive Force Policy

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Procurement Policy
- 504 Grievance Policy
- Four Factor Analysis

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Reggi Vandever to adjourn and move into closed session.

Seconded by Alderman Travis Russom.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

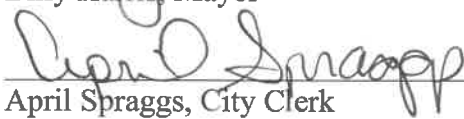
APPROVED:



Billy Harris, Mayor

Date:

7-14-25



April Spraggs, City Clerk

Date:

7-14-25

Matthews Police Department May- June Report

Traffic stops: 40

Ems Assist: 6

Public Assistance: 10

Vehicle Crashes: 9

Assist other Agency: 7

Keep the Peace: 1

Stranded Motorists: 5

Animal Control: 2

Threats: 1

Brandishing: 1

Well Being Check: 9

C&I Driving: 3

Theft: 1

Peace Disturbance: 1

Domestic Disturbance: 1

Property Damage: 1

Assault: 2

TO MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS,

12 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

| | |
|---|---|
| 143-GRASS FIRE | 1 |
| 311-EMS ASSIST (ONE WAS J4) | 6 |
| 322-ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES | 1 |
| 324-ACCIDENT WITH NO INJURIES (BOTH SEMI'S) | 2 |
| 622-NO INCIDENT FOUND | 1 |
| 900-SPECIAL INCIDENT | 1 |

5 CALLS SO FOR IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

ON MAY 20th HAD 2 PEOPLE GO TO A RAILROAD SAFETY
CLASS IN PORTAGEVILLE

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED
THOMAS J GANTNER

FIRE CHIEF MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT