

## MINUTES

**CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 14, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Billy Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### PRAYER

Prayer was led by April Spraggs.

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### ROLL CALL

#### Council Members Present:

- Mayor Billy Harris
- Alderman Michael Wareham
- Alderman John Gardner
- Alderman Reggi Vandever
- Alderman Travis Russom (arrived at 6:45 PM)

#### Council Members Absent:

N/A

**Also Present:**

- T.J. Gantner, Fire Chief
- Scott Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer
- Manuel Spraggs, Chief Operator
- Lee Gardner, Assistant Fire Chief
- Tim Hise, Assistant Chief of Police
- Chris Essary, Police Officer
- April Spraggs, City Clerk

**Residents Present:**

- Laura Spraggs
- Maddie Thompson
- Kelli Burch
- Lee Gardner
- Jody O'Barr
- Jeff Gardner

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderman Michael Wareham made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Alderman Reggi Vandever seconded the motion.

- Vandever – Aye
- Russom – Aye
- Gardner – Aye
- Mayor Harris – Motion Passed

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****June 9, 2025 – Regular Meeting:**

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Vandever.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Wareham, Gardner.

Mayor Harris – Motion Passed

**June 9, 2025 – Closed Meeting:**

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Vandever.

**Motion passed:** Wareham, Vandever, Gardner.

Mayor Harris – Motion Passed

**June 10, 2025 – Special Meeting:**

Motion by Alderman Gardner; second by Alderman Wareham.

**Motion passed:** Wareham, Vandever, Gardner.

Mayor Harris – Motion Passed

**June 10, 2025 – Closed Meeting:**

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Gardner.

**Motion passed:** Wareham, Vandever, Gardner.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **Maddie Thompson** expressed a complaint regarding Code Enforcement.
- **Jody O’Barr** raised his concern related to codes.
- **Laura Spraggs** addressed an incident at City Hall and at her residence.
- **Jeff Gardner** inquired about local dog issues.

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**REPORTS****Police Department – Asst. Chief Tim Hise:**

Requested an additional \$15,000 for the 2025 department budget.

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Gardner.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Wareham, Gardner

**Fire Department – Chief T.J. Gantner:**

No action items.

**Maintenance Department – Chief Operator Manuel Spraggs:**

No action items.

**Code Enforcement – Officer Scott Gilliam:**

No action items.

**Budget & Finance – April Spraggs:**

Reviewed June financials including invoices and receipts. All board members signed off.

**Amendment to 2025 Budget:**

Amendment necessary due to grant adjustments and water project delays.

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Gardner.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner

**Approval of Semi-Annual Budget:**

Presented by April Spraggs.

Motion by Alderman Gardner; second by Alderman Wareham.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner

**Fire Truck Payment (\$72,000):**

Motion to approve payment made by Alderman Gardner; seconded by Alderman Vandever.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor License Renewals (TA Truck Stops and Speedway):**

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Gardner.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner.

**Police Carport Electrical Installation:**

Discussion held on allowing city maintenance to run electrical lines..

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Vandever; second by Alderman Wareham.

**Motion passed:** Vandever, Russom, Wareham, Gardner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Mayor, Billy Harris



Date: 8-11-2025

April Spraggs, City Clerk



Date: 8-11-2025

TO MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS,

12 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

311-EMS ASSIST	2
320-EMS INCIDENT OTHER	1
322-ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	2
ONE WAS A SEMI AND THE PERSON HAD TO BE CUT OUT	
324-ACCIDENT WITH NO INJURIES	2
462-HELO STANDBY	1
611-DISPATCHED AND CANCELLED ENROUTE	1
622-NO INCIDENT FOUND AT LOCATION	1
735-ALARM MALFUNCTION	1
740-UNINTENTIONAL OF ALARM	1

87 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

HELD A FOOD BANK ON THE 30 OF JUNE WITH THE HELP OF THE POLICE AND APRIL  
WILL HAVE ANOTHER ONE ON AUGUST 25th AT 4pm

BOTH TRUCKS WENT THRU OUR ANNUAL PUMP TESTING AND BOTH PASS

BOTH TRUCKS WILL GET A LEVEL ONE PMI (SCHEDULE PENDING)

THOMAS J GANTNER

FIRE CHIEF MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT