

WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

MINUTES

**CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 11, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Billy Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harris leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

April Spraggs leads in prayer.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:

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

Council Members Absent:

- None

Also Present:

- T.J. Gantner – Fire Chief
- Scott Gilliam – Code Enforcement Officer

- Lee Gardner – Assistant Fire Chief
- Ronnie Adams – Chief of Police
- Donna Russom – Court Clerk
- April Spraggs – City Clerk

Residents Present:

- Larry Gardner
 - Ben Pyles
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderman Vandever; seconded by Alderman Wareham.

Vote:

- Vandever – Aye
- Russom – Aye
- Wareham – Aye
- Gardner – Aye

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 14, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Alderman Vandever; second by Alderman Wareham.

Motion passed unanimously.

July 15, 2025 – Special Meeting

Motion by Alderman Wareham; second by Alderman Vandever.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Lee Gardner thanked Mayor Harris for helping park cars at the Rodeo last week.
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REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Ronnie Adams reported no new updates.

Fire Department – Fire Chief T.J. Gantner gave his report (attached).

- Provided an updated bid for removal of the city's tornado siren equipment in the amount of \$4,346.21.
Motion to approve the bid made by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Vandever.

Vote:

- Vandever – Aye
- Russom – Aye
- Wareham – Aye
- Gardner – Aye

Motion Passed

Maintenance Department – Manuel Spraggs absent due to lift station issue.

Code Enforcement – Scott Gilliam presented his monthly report.

Financial Report – April Spraggs gave the monthly financial report.

- Council reviewed July invoices and approved payments.
- April noted that the annual TextMyGov invoice for 2026 in the amount of \$1,500.00 is due.
Motion to approve payment made by Alderman Vandever; seconded by Alderman Russom.

Vote:

- Vandever – Aye
- Russom – Aye
- Wareham – Aye
- Gardner – Aye

Motion Passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None
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NEW BUSINESS

BMU Rate Increase

- April Spraggs reported that starting September 1, 2025, BMU water rates will increase from \$4.13 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons. A breakdown report was provided.
Motion by Alderman Wareham to keep current city water rates as they are and revisit the rates in January if BMU service is still being utilized; seconded by Alderman Vandever.

Vote:

- Vandever – Aye
- Russom – Aye
- Wareham – Aye
- Gardner – Aye

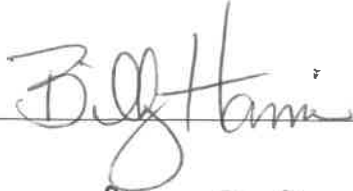
Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Vandever.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Mayor, Billy Harris



Date:

9-8-25

April Spraggs, City Clerk



Date:

9-8-25