

# WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



## CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST  
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

### MINUTES

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

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

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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#### PRAYER

City Clerk April Spraggs led the council in prayer.

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#### 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

**City Employees Present:**

- Scott Gilliam – Code Enforcement Officer
- Ronnie Adams – Chief of Police
- Tim His – Assistant Chief of Police
- Chris Essary – Police Officer
- Manuel Spraggs – Chief of Maintenance
- April Spraggs – City Clerk

**Also Present:**

- Larry Gardner, Resident
- Timmy Farrenberg

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Alderman Gardner; seconded by Alderman Wareham.  
Vote:

- Alderman Vandever – Aye
  - Alderman Russom – Aye
  - Alderman Wareham – Aye
  - Alderman Gardner – Aye
- Motion Passed.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Gardner.  
Motion passed unanimously.

September 8, 2025 – Closed Session

Motion by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Vandever.  
Motion passed unanimously.

September 15, 2025 – Closed Session

Motion by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Russom.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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**REPORTS****Police Department**

Chief Ronnie Adams presented the police report. He requested the opening of a bank account for a new Christmas program, Shop with a Hero, organized by the police and fire departments.

Motion to approve the Shop with a Hero bank account made by Alderman Gardner; seconded by Alderman Wareham.

Vote:

- Alderman Vandever – Aye
  - Alderman Russom – Aye
  - Alderman Wareham – Aye
  - Alderman Gardner – Aye
- Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Gardner to transfer \$500 to the Shop with a Hero account; seconded by Alderman Wareham.

Vote:

- Alderman Vandever – Aye
  - Alderman Russom – Aye
  - Alderman Wareham – Aye
  - Alderman Gardner – Aye
- Motion Passed.

Mayor Harris informed the council that installing new lights on a patrol car will cost \$1,000. The department has \$500 remaining in its budget.

Motion to approve \$1,000 for installing patrol car lighting equipment made by Alderman Wareham; seconded by Alderman Gardner.

Vote:

- Alderman Vandever – Aye
  - Alderman Russom – Aye
  - Alderman Wareham – Aye
  - Alderman Gardner – Aye
- Motion Passed.

## **Fire Department**

Chief T.J. Gantner was absent; no report was given.

## **Maintenance Department**

Chief of Maintenance Manuel Spraggs provided the Public Works report and submitted sealed bids for a generator to Mayor Harris.

## **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Gilliam presented his monthly report.

## **Financial Report**

City Clerk April Spraggs presented the September financial report. Council members reviewed and signed off on the invoices.

April requested funding for a Christmas party for city employees and volunteers in the amount of \$1,000.

Motion made by Alderman Vandever to approve the Christmas party and allocate \$1,000; seconded by Alderman Russom.

Vote:

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

Motion Passed.

April also discussed issuing Christmas bonuses for city employees.

Motion made by Alderman Wareham to approve \$200 Christmas bonuses for employees; seconded by Alderman Vandever.

Vote:

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

Motion Passed.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Sealed Bids – Generator**

Three sealed bids were opened and reviewed:

- Summit Electrical Contracting – \$60,150.00
- Koch Electric, Inc. – \$56,000.00
- Hart Electric, Inc. – \$55,210.00

Motion made by Alderman Wareham to award the generator project to Hart Electric, Inc. for \$55,210.00 (excluding monitoring system); seconded by Alderman Gardner.

Vote:

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

Motion Passed.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Ditch Repair on South Calvin Street**

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Closed Session was made by Alderman John Gardner, seconded by Aldermen Reggi Vandever and Travis Russom.

Roll Call Vote:

- Alderman Reggi Vandever – Aye
- Alderman Travis Russom – Aye
- Alderman Michael Wareham – Aye
- Alderman John Gardner – Aye

Motion Passed: 4 Ayes

Closed Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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### APPROVED BY:



Date:

11-10-25

Billy Harris, Mayor



Date:

11-10-25

April Spraggs, City Clerk