



MINUTES

CITY OF MATTHEWS MO.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Billy Harris called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Billy Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER

April Spraggs led the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Billy Harris
- Alderman Reggi Vandever
- Alderman Travis Russom
- Alderman John Mark Gardner

Also Present:

- Fire Chief T.J. Gantner
- Assistant Fire Chief Lee Gardner
- Assistant Police Chief Tim Hise
- Police Officer Chris Essary
- Public Works Manuel Spraggs
- City Clerk April Spraggs

Residents Present:

- Larry Gardner

Absent:

- Alderman Michael Wareham
- Attorney Cory Fitzgerald
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Code Enforcement Scott Gilliam

A quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the agenda. Alderman Vandever seconded the motion. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes from the November 10th, 2025, regular meeting. Alderman Vandever seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes from the November 10th meeting was unanimous.
 - A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes from the November 24th, 2025, special meeting. Alderman Russom seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes from the November 24th meeting was unanimous.
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APPOINTMENTS

None.

REPORTS

- **Fire Report:**
Fire Chief T.J. Gantner presented his report. He updated the council on the helicopter pad lights and inquired whether the city should install the lights or if the Public Works department could handle it. The council decided that Manuel Spraggs would assess the situation and determine if Public Works can install the lights.
- **Public Works Report:**
Manuel Spraggs gave his report and provided an update on the portable generator. He mentioned that a

new side-by-side vehicle would be needed soon, as the current one is nearing the end of its lifespan. The Mayor and Aldermen agreed to put bids out for a new side-by-side vehicle.

Mr. Spraggs also updated the council on the water project and discussed the need for fencing around the new well. He will take measurements for fencing.

- **Roof for Water Plant:**

Mayor Harris asked Manuel Spraggs to explain the condition of the roof at the water plant. After a brief discussion, the Mayor and Aldermen agreed to advertise for bids for a new roof for the water plant.

- **Code Enforcement Report:**

The report from Code Enforcement (Scott Gilliam) was included in the meeting packets.

- **Clerk Report:**

April Spraggs presented the financial report for November 2025.

The council members signed and approved invoices for November 2025.

- A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to approve the 2025 budget. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with Alderman Russom, Alderman Vandever, and Alderman Gardner all in favor. The 2025 budget was approved.
- A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to approve the 2026 budget. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with Alderman Russom, Alderman Vandever, and Alderman Gardner all in favor. The 2026 budget was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bid for Cameras:**

No update was provided on the camera bids.

- **Water Tower Lights:**

No update was provided on the water tower lights.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Gardner. The vote was unanimous, with Alderman Russom, Alderman Vandever, and Alderman Gardner all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

APPROVED BY:

Billy Harris Date: 1-29-26
Billy Harris, Mayor

April Spraggs Date: 1-29-26
April Spraggs, City Clerk