



MINUTES

**CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Billy Harris called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:04 P.M.

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 Michael Wareham
- Alderman Travis Russom
- Alderman John Mark Gardner

Also Present:

- Fire Chief T.J. Gantner
- Assistant Fire Chief Lee Gardner
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Police Officer Mark Stockton
- Public Works Director Manuel Spraggs
- City Clerk April Spraggs

Residents Present:

- Larry Gardner
- Shelly Plunk

Absent:

- City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald
- Code Enforcement Officer Scott Gilliam

A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting. Alderman Vandever seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Wareham and Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS**JH Outdoors – Business License Approval**

Mr. Justin Henderson was present to ask for approval of a business license for JH Outdoors.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the business license for JH Outdoors. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vandever. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

REPORTS**Police Report**

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the police report.

Fire Report

Fire Chief T.J. Gantner presented the fire report.

Water & Wastewater/Public Works Report

Manuel Spraggs reported the following:

- The Flying J Lift Station requires immediate repairs. A bid from G&C Contracting in the amount of \$77,000.

- A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the bid from G&C Contracting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.
- The lagoon cover will need to be disposed of. Mr. Spraggs will determine whether it can be reused for the Calvin Street drainage project.
- Mr. Spraggs explained steps being taken to keep lagoon sample numbers in range. Current steps taken are working. However, sample results take ten days to return. He asked for approval to purchase testing equipment that would allow results on the same day.
 - A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase the lagoon testing kit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham and Gardner voting in favor.
- An update was given on the helicopter pad lights. Mr. Spraggs recommended purchasing new wire and conduit.
 - A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the purchase of new wire and conduit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vandever. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham and Gardner voting in favor.
- Mr. Spraggs requested approval to purchase a snowplow for the Ram pickup truck.
 - A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the purchase of a snowplow for the Ram. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham and Gardner voting in favor.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Gilliam was absent. No report was given.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk April Spraggs presented the financial report for the previous year and the month of December. The Council reviewed, approved, and signed invoices and payroll for December.

Ms. Spraggs requested permission to attend the MOCCFOA Conference in Columbia from March 7–12, 2026. Costs include \$315.00 for lodging and \$270.00 for classes.

- A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve attendance at the conference, including classes, meals, and lodging. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vandever. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

Ms. Spraggs also recommended purchasing protective poles for the new generator and water plant awning.

- A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase five (5) six-foot poles for protection at the water plant and generator. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fencing for New Well and Water Tower:** Project will be put out for bid.
- **Health Insurance:**
A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to renew health insurance and remain with the current plan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wareham. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Wages for Water and Wastewater Operator:**
A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to set wages at \$19.00 per hour without licenses and \$26.00

per hour with a license. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

- **Drainage Ditch – South Calvin Street:**

Item postponed to the next council meeting.

- **Water Tower Lights:**

Item postponed until further notice.

- **Bids for Re-Roofing Water Plant:**

Two bids were received:

- Sierra Group Roofing & Solar – \$47,922.39
- Pyramid Roofing – \$21,342.00

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to accept the bid from Pyramid Roofing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

- **Utility Vehicle (Side-by-Side) Bids:**

Two bids were received:

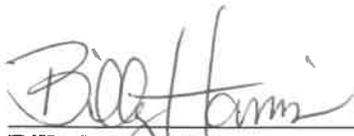
- Baker Implement Co. – \$18,602.87
- Sappington Pro Outdoor – \$15,055.95

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to accept the bid from Baker Implement Co. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously, with Aldermen Russom, Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.



Billy Harris, Mayor

Date: 2-9-26



April Spraggs, City Clerk

Date: 2-9-26