



**MINUTES**

**CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 09, 2026 – 6:00 P.M**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Billy Harris called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:01 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor 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 John Mark Gardner

**Also Present:**

- Fire Chief T.J. Gantner
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Assistant Police Chief Tim Hise
- Code Enforcement Officer Scott Gilliam
- City Clerk April Spraggs

**Residents Present:**

- Larry Gardner
- Timmy Farrenburg

**Absent:**

- Public Works/Water & Wastewater Superintendent Manuel Spraggs
- Alderman Travis Russom

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 of the January 29, 2026, Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### **Police Report**

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the monthly police report.

### **Fire Report**

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

### **Water & Wastewater/Public Works Report**

No report; Manuel Spraggs was absent.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Scott Gilliam presented the code enforcement report.

### **City Clerk Report**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **S. Calvin Street Ditch Project**

Timmy Farrenburg provided an updated estimate for the ditch project on South Calvin Street. The total cost of the project will be \$24,000.00 plus price of the pipe.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve \$24,000.00 and the price of the pipe to complete the S. Calvin Street ditch project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vandever.

Motion carried with Aldermen Vandever, Wareham, and Gardner voting in favor.

### **Pond Project**

Bids for an 8-inch well with a 10-horsepower submersible pump will be advertised. The Council will consult Don Hart regarding electrical options at the pond.

### **Snowplow Invoices**

Discussion of snowplow invoices was postponed until the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

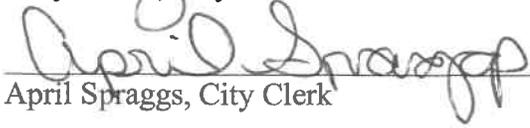
A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wareham. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



Billy Harris, Mayor

Date: 3-9-26



April Spraggs, City Clerk

Date: 3-9-26

110 Calls for service

Littering	Traffic stops	Theft
1	22	4
Child custody	Keep the peace	Failure to return Property
1	2	2
Stranded	Disturbance	Vehicle Accidents
8	7	12
EMS	Search Warrant	Well-being check
8	1	4
Suspicious vehicles	Animal Calls	Careless and Imprudent Driver
3	1	2
Public assistance	Traffic Control	Threats
9	1	1
Domestic Assaults	Name and number	Failure to register as a sex offender
3	4	1
Assist other agency	Stolen Vehicle	Removal of subjects
5	1	2
Counterfeit	Arrest's	Kidnapping
1	3	1

It is also worth mentioning that an unregistered sex offender, Anthony Stewart, has been residing at the address of 503 West Butler. He was arrested and taken into custody and is awaiting formal Federal charges. A search warrant was conducted at the address of 13572 State Highway 61, where the New Madrid County Sheriff's Office and Matthews Police Department seized and recovered several stolen items. Subjects that were taken into custody were Curtis Jerome Burleson Jr. and Curtis Jerome Burleson Sr.

**MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS,**

**FEBUARY BOARD MEETING**

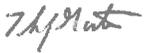
For the month of January Matthews Fire filed 9 reports

- 4 Medical Calls
  - EMS/Weakness
  - EMS/Possible broken bone
  - EMS/possible broken hip
  - EMS/Trouble breathing
- 3 Vehicle crashes (10-50)
  - One involved semi rollover
- 1 Cancelled enroute
- 1 Fire Meeting
  
- 9 Calls
  - 3 No Response to calls
- 12 Total**

8 Calls so for the month of Fenuary at the time of making this report 2-9-2026

Nothing else to report at this time since the last board meeting 12 days ago

RESPECTFULLY SUBMTTED



THOMAS J GANTNER  
FIRE CHIEF