

MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Billy Harris.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Billy Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Present:

- Mayor Billy Harris
- Alderman Michael Wareham
- Alderman John Mark Gardner
- Alderman Reggi Vandever (arrived at 6:10p.m.)
- City Attorney, Cory Fitzgerald

A quorum was declared present.

Also Present:

- Fire Chief T.J. Gantner
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Assistant Police Chief Tim Hise
- Public Works/Water Manuel Spraggs
- Court Clerk, Donna Russom
- Police Officer Chris Essary
- Amy Pryer
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Absent:

- April Spraggs City Clerk
- Scott Gilliam Code Enforcement

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman John Mark Gardner to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Alderman Mike Wareham.

All ayes. Motion carried.

(Reggie Vandever not present for vote.)

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February 9, 2026)

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Alderman John Mark Gardner.

All ayes. Motion carried.

(Reggie Vandever not present for vote.)

6. Approval of Closed Session Minutes (February 9, 2026, if applicable)

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to approve the closed session minutes.

Seconded by Alderman John Mark Gardner.

All ayes. Motion carried.

(Reggie Vandever not present for vote.)

7. Guest Speaker

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Amy Pryor addressed the council and introduced herself.

8. Reports and Business

Ronnie Adams Report:

Ronnie Adams discussed officers attending a conference for educational hours. Kenneth Dalton and the county will provide coverage.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to allow attendance at the conference.

Seconded by Alderman John Mark Gardner.

All ayes. Motion carried.

(Reggie Vandever not present.)

Camera Bids Discussion:

Ronnie Adams presented available bids for cameras.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to accept the bid from Mobile Tech and proceed with adding one camera.

Seconded by Alderman John Mark Gardner.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Dog Registration Discussion:

Jim Hise discussed dog registration, tags, and costs.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to set the fee at \$20 per tag.

Seconded by Alderman

John Mark Gardner.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

- Fire Chief J.P. Gardner addressed the council.
- Manuel Spragg (Maintenance) addressed the council.
- Code Enforcement (Scott Gillian) – not present.

9. New Business

- Paperwork (February Invoices) was signed for the City Clerk.
- Council discussed the need for a snowplow.
- Council discussed the Butler & Melton house with Cory Fitzgerald.
- Reggie Vandever discussed the fence row with the council.

10. Invoices

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to approve and pay the Lee Wescoat & Hart Electric snowplowing invoice as written.

Seconded by Alderman Reggie Vandever.

All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to approve and pay the Zach Vandever snowplowing invoice as written.

Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

Alderman Reggie Vandever abstained from voting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to approve and pay the Lee Gardner snowplowing invoice as written.

Seconded by Alderman Reggie Vandever.

Alderman John Gardner abstained from voting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Council will revisit a policy going forward.

11. Street Signs

Council postponed discussion on street signs until pricing information is available.

12. City Clean-Up – May 2, 2026

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to set May 2, 2026, as City Clean-Up Day.

Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.

All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Proposals for Pond Well

Bids were postponed until Alderman Gardner speaks with Jason Scherenburg. Further discussion will take place at the April meeting.

14. Ordinance No. 742 – First Reading

Mayor Harris conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 742.

15. Ordinance No. 743 – First Reading

Mayor Harris conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 743.

16. Ordinance No. 743 – Second Reading and Adoption

A motion was made by Alderman Mike Wareham to adopt Ordinance No. 743. Seconded by Alderman John Gardner.


- Alderman Reggie Vandever – Aye
- Alderman Travis Russom – Aye
- Alderman Mike Wareham – Aye
- Alderman John Gardner – Aye

Motion carried.

17. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



 Billy Harris, Mayor

Date: 4-13-2026



 April Spraggs, City Clerk

Date: 4-13-2026

MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS,

MARCH BOARD MEETING

For the month of Febuary Matthews Fire filed 9 reports

- 4 Medical Calls
 - 2-EMS/Chest pain
 - EMS/Fainting
 - EMS/Pastout
- 1 MA-Stucture Fire Cancelled
- 2 Vehicle crashes (10-50)
- 1 MA-Helo Standby
- 1 Inspection
- 1 Fire Meeting
- 1 Smoke Detector Activation
- 1 Field Fire-control burn
- 1 Smoke Odor
- 1 Cooking Fire
- 1 Fire on Porch (fire assist)
- 2 Grass Fires

17 Calls

3 No Response to calls

20 Total

3 Calls so for the month of March at the time of making this report 3-9-2026

Matthews Fire will have 2 going to the informal caskit vigil at Butler County. This will be for the FF that was killed. Once the funeral arrangements are completed Mathhews Fire will be taken Engine 2 over for the funeral

We received the 2 motorola portables for the \$15,000 grant. The repeater for Engine 2 should be here this week

We have a training class scheduled Saturday morning the 14th at 9am. This will be down at New Madrid fire station.

Rescue 1 is now Brush 1

RESPECTFULLY SUBMTTED



THOMAS J GANTNER