

WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

MINUTES

CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 08, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harris.

PRAYER

Officer Mark Stockton gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Also Present:

- April Spraggs, City Clerk
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Officer Mark Stockton
- Fire Chief Tj Gantner
- Vol. Fireman Lee Gardner
- Resident Larry Gardner
- Guest John Armbruster

Absent:

- City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald
- Manuel Spraggs, Water Operator
- Scott Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer

A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever and seconded by Alderman Wareham to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes of the May 11th, 2026, meeting. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

John Armbruster introduces himself and announces he is running for Representative for district 149.

REPORTS

Police Report

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the monthly police report. Chief Adams informed the council that fireworks would be permitted:

- Thursday until 10:00 P.M.
- Friday until 10:00 P.M.
- Saturday until 12:00 A.M. (midnight)
- Sunday until 10:00 P.M.

Fire Report

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

Water & Wastewater/Public Works Report

No report was given due to the absence of Manuel Spraggs.

Code Enforcement Report

No report was given due to the absence of Scott Gilliam.

City Clerk Report

City Clerk April Spraggs presented the financial report. The Council reviewed and approved invoices and payroll for May.

Mrs. Spraggs reported that 54 acres of the city's farmland are currently not annexed into the city limits. Upon City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald's return, the annexation process will begin.

Mrs. Spraggs also reported that two 2-inch water meters are needed for replacement at the school and nursing home.

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Vandever to purchase two 2-inch meters. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Fencing Bid

After discussion, the Council requested bids for fencing around the city well and electrical box.

Fireworks Purchase

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to purchase \$3,000.00 worth of fireworks from Hart Family Fireworks. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Judge's Conference

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Wareham to approve attendance at the Judge's Conference and to pay Portageville \$242.58 for Judge Stinnett. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Liquor Licenses

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the liquor license for T.A. Truck Stop. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Wareham to approve the liquor license for Flying J Truck Stop. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Russom to approve the liquor license for Love's Truck Stop. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Russom to approve the liquor license for Speedway. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Renting Old Fire Shed

The Council discussed renting the old fire shed. Attorney Cory Fitzgerald will advise on the legal process for handling the rental.

Community Development Block Grant Resolution

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant program.

Votes:

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

Motion carried.

Dell Consulting

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to hire Dell Consulting for assistance with the Community Development Block Grant.

Votes:

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

Motion carried.

Water Engineering

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to hire Water Engineering for the Community Development Block Grant project.

Votes:

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

Motion carried.

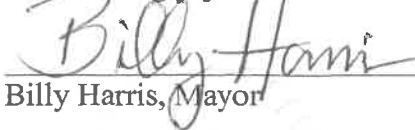
Next Month's Agenda

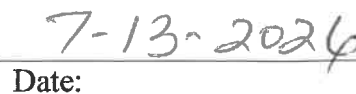
The Council requested that bids for mowers and street sealing be added to next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever and seconded by Alderman Wareham to adjourn the meeting. All aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.


Billy Harris, Mayor


Date:


April Spragg, City Clerk


Date:

MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS

JUNE BOARD MEETING

For the month of April, Matthews Fire filed 17 reports

- 6 Medical calls
 - Back pain
 - Seizure
 - Pain all over
 - Sick person
 - Possible stroke
 - Weakness
- 2 Vehicle crash
- 4 Fires
 - Semi truck fire
 - Grain bin fire
 - Grass fire
 - Control burn
- 1 Fire alarm (false)
- 3 Vehicle crash (mva)
- 1 Fire meeting

For the month of May, Matthews Fire filed 13 reports

- 4 Medical calls
 - Abdominal pain
 - Bleeding laceration
 - Possible stroke
 - Man laying on the ground
- 2 Landing zone
- 2 Vehicle crash (mva)
- 4 Fires
 - Grass fire
 - Structure fire
 - Rekindle
 - Brakes on fire
- 1 Fire meeting

13 Calls

1 No response

14 Total calls

4 calls so for the month of June

Fire extinguishers were inspected last month

Engine 1 and Engine 2 will be getting pump tested and PM on July 6th

Grant we will probably wait until next year

15000 dollar check for grant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



THOMAS J GANTNER