

WELCOME TO MATTHEWS



CITY HALL

301 WEST MAIN ST
MATTHEWS, MO 63867

MINUTES

CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harris.

PRAYER:

April Spraggs 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:

- City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald
- Manuel Spraggs, Water Operator
- Scott Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- April Spraggs, City Clerk
- Guest Scott Crumpecker
- Resident Jody O'Barr

Absent:

- Fire Chief Tj Gantner

A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever and seconded by Alderman Russom to approve the council minutes for the June 8th, 2026, meeting. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the closed session minutes for June 8th, 2026, meeting. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE:

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to reappoint April Spraggs as Matthews MO City Clerk and seconded by John M. Gardner. All four Alderman voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Scott Crumpecker introduces himself and announces he is running for Representative for district 149.

REPORTS:

Police Report

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the monthly police report.

Adams explained the plan for the cameras on Park St. and W. Main St.

A motion was made by Wareham to purchase the cameras for Park St. and W. Main St. for 4525.90 and Alderman Vandever seconded the motion. All four-alderman voted aye. Motion carried.

Fire Report

Fire Chief T.J. Gant absent.

Maintenance Report

Manuel Spraggs gives him maintenance and water report.

Manuel explains to the council there is a blower that will need to be replaced and we may want to look into fixing the old one to have one on back up. He also tells the council a new motor will be needed for blower.

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to purchase a new blower and fix the old one to have on hand for backup. Alderman Wareham seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase a blower motor for 1350.00 and it was second by Alderman Gardner. All Alderman Ayes. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement

Scott Gilliam gives his report.

Clerk's Report

Invoices and payroll signed and approved for the month of June.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the Semi-annual budget for 2026 and seconded by Alderman Gardner. All Ayes. Motion carried.

April Spraggs tells the council the employee handbook will need to be amended to a 6-month probation period for new hires instead of a 3-month probation period due to a state statute for new police officers being hired.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to amend the probation period for new hires to 6-months and it was seconded by Alderman Russom.

April gives the plan for Haunting in the Park this year.

Alderman Wareham makes a motion to give a \$2000.00 budget for Haunting in the Park and it was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All Ayes and motion carried.

Alderman Vandever asked the council to consider giving the youth that help with the Bouncing into Summer a \$100.00 for each organization.

A motion was made to give GMA Girls, Trail Life Boys, and the Junior Jaycees \$100 towards their organizations and seconded by Alderman Gardner. All Ayes motion carried.

FENCING BIDS:

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the bid for fencing in the water tower and well for \$12,000.00 and giving a \$1000.00 towards the bid if any increases accumulated. Alderman Gardner seconds the motion. All Ayes and motion carried.

STREET EQUIPMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase a 2026 Chevy pick-up for \$61,270.00; the motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All Ayes motion carried.

STREET POLES:

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to purchase streetlight poles for \$11005.00 plus shipping; the motion was seconded by Alderman Wareham. All Ayes motion carried.

LAWN MOWER BIDS:

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase a John Deere Lawn Mower for \$23,518.64 with a rear discharge deck for \$5046.59; the motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner, Travis Russom Ayes. Alderman Vandever abstains for voting due to his company turning in a bid.

CITY ATTORNEY CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to pay \$1223.63 for the attorney's conference and seconded by Alderman Wareham. All Ayes motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.


Billy Harris, Mayor

8-10-2026
Date:


April Spraggs, City Clerk

8-10-26
Date: