CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 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 – entered the meeting at 6:25 P.M.
- Alderman John Mark Gardner
- Alderman Michael Wareham

A quorum was declared present.

Also Present:

- Cory Fitzgerald, City Attorney
- Manuel Spraggs, Water Operator
- Scott Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer
- Ronnie Adams, Police Chief
- April Spraggs, City Clerk
- T.J. Gantner, Fire Chief

- Lee Gardner, Volunteer Firefighter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the City Council minutes from the July 13, 2026, meeting. All four aldermen present at the time voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Fitness Center

Lee Gardner appeared before the Council to ask who is responsible for maintaining the Fitness Center. He also requested that the City consider purchasing additional weights and resistance bands that are currently not available at the Fitness Center.

Jody O'Barr Camper Request

The Council discussed a request made by Jody O'Barr in July to stay in a camper while remodeling his home.

A motion was made by Alderman Michael Wareham to allow Jody O'Barr to stay in the camper for six months, through January 13, 2027. If an extension is requested, the Council will revisit the matter in January. A second made by Alderman Gardner. The motion was made to approve.

REPORTS

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the monthly Police Report to the Council.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief T.J. Gantner presented the monthly Fire Department Report.

Chief Gantner requested that the City consider purchasing a new pumper tanker for the Fire Department. The Council asked Chief Gantner to obtain a quote for a new pumper tanker, including the trade-in value of the City's existing vehicle.

MAINTENANCE AND WATER REPORT

Manuel Spraggs presented the monthly Maintenance and Water Report.

Mr. Spraggs informed the Council that a water training class will be held in Poplar Bluff the following week. He also reported that a water class will be held in Columbia in October, which will include training on cybersecurity. Mr. Spraggs stated that, due to the increasing risk of water systems being hacked, he felt the cybersecurity training would be beneficial.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to send Jeremy Prince and Bo Thompson to the water classes in Poplar Bluff and to send Manuel Spraggs to the cybersecurity class in Columbia. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Spraggs asked the Council to consider purchasing a cherry picker to assist with maintenance of the motors at the lagoon.

A motion was made by Alderman John Mark Gardner to purchase a cherry picker for $250.00. Alderman Wareham seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Spraggs asked the Council how they would like to proceed with the Dodge truck that was recently replaced.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to place the Dodge truck up for auction/bids. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Scott Gilliam presented the monthly Code Enforcement Report.

Mr. Gilliam asked the Council if they had given any further consideration to purchasing a GIS program to assist with mapping and code enforcement.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to purchase the GIS program for $1,500.00 to assist with code enforcement. Alderman Vandever seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk April Spraggs reported that invoices and payroll for the month of June had been reviewed, signed, and approved.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to pay Beussink, Hey, Reo & Stodder $22,000.00 for the 2025 audit. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk April Spraggs reported that she had provided the aldermen with a copy of the proposed Fitness Center Policy and asked if there were any changes or concerns.

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the Fitness Center Policy. Alderman Wareham seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

LIVE NATIVITY

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve to pay $1500.00 for the Live Nativity event for First Missionary Baptist Church. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DAY PERMISSION LETTER

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve the permission letter for the Big Jaycees Community Day. Alderman Wareham seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve the City-wide yard sale to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNEXATION OF FARMLAND

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to approve annexing the remaining acreage of the farmland into the City limits. Alderman Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Billy Harris 9-14-26

Billy Harris, Mayor **Date:**

April Spraggs 9-14-26

April Spraggs, City Clerk **Date:**

MR. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS **AUGUST BOARD MEETING**

For the month of April Matthews Fire Submitted 16 calls

For the month of May Matthews Fire Submitted 14 calls
One First Responder call no response

For the month of June Matthews Fire Submitted 17 calls
Three First Responder callS no response

For the month of July Matthews Fire Submitted 22 calls
Two First Responder callS no response

So for Matthews Fire has Submitted 6 calls for the month of August

Pump test were down on Engine one and Engine two last month
both trucks passed no problems

PM was also down on both trucks last month
total for all this was $4,185.82

Brake issue on Engine Two

PUMPER TANKER

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

THOMAS J GANTNER