CITY OF MATTHEWS, MISSOURI

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 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
- City Attorney Cory Fitzgerald

Also Present:

- April Spraggs, City Clerk
- Police Chief Ronnie Adams
- Officer Mark Stockton
- Fire Chief T.J. Gantner
- Volunteer Fireman Lee Gardner
- Terry Adams, Water District #6

- Tim Moore, Water District #6

Absent:

- Manuel Spraggs, Water Operator
- Scott Gilliam, Code Enforcement Officer

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 Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026, City Council meeting. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham and seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2026, Property Tax Hearing. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Water District #6

Terri Adams and Tim Moore were present on behalf of Water District #6.

Mr. Moore informed the Council that the District was aware of the outstanding bill and was experiencing financial difficulties due to a large, unexpected expense. He also reported that the District was having to replace meters due to improper readings.

Mr. Moore stated that the District was doing its best to address the situation and was considering increasing rates to keep up with operating costs due to a loss of customers.

Mayor Harris offered advice and asked the District to keep the City informed of any updates.

REPORTS

Police Report

Police Chief Ronnie Adams presented the monthly police report.

Fire Report

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

Chief Gantner presented the following prices for new fire trucks:

- Minnesota: $518,000
- Missouri: $520,000

- Georgia: $550,000
- Indiana: $550,000

Chief Gantner requested a budget of $600,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck and equipment. He stated that if the City did not secure pricing at this time, costs could increase next year.

A motion was made by Alderman Gardner to approve a $600,000 budget for Fire Chief T.J. Gantner to purchase a new fire truck and equipment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wareham. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Manuel Spraggs was absent due to illness. No report was presented.

Code Enforcement Report

Scott Gilliam was absent due to attending a Canalou City Council meeting. No report was presented.

Clerk's Financial Report

April Spraggs presented the financial report for August 2026.

Invoices and payroll were reviewed, approved, and initialed by the aldermen.

April asked the Council whether it wished to continue providing cameras in City vehicles through the Verizon Wireless contract.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to continue the contract with Verizon Wireless. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upgrade of Power Supply at Drainage Pond

Mayor Harris informed the Council that the electrical service at the drainage pond needed to be upgraded because the existing power supply was insufficient to support the well and any additional equipment that may be installed in the future.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to upgrade the power supply at the drainage pond. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Christmas Party

April Spraggs requested a budget of $1,500.00 for the 2026 City Christmas Party.

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to approve $1,500.00 for the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Fire Shed

A motion was made by Alderman Vandever to place the old City fire shed out for bid. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All four aldermen voted aye.

The fire shed will be advertised for bids, with the City reserving the right to reject any bids.

Streetlight – Morgan Street

A motion was made by Alderman Wareham to install a streetlight on Morgan Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gardner. All four aldermen voted aye. Motion carried.

Cell Booster

The Council and April Spraggs discussed installing a cell booster at City Hall.

The matter was postponed until the next meeting pending receipt of the installation cost.

Sealcoating City Streets

Mayor Harris and the Board of Aldermen discussed sealcoating City streets and reviewed the bid submitted by Causey Company.

The Board requested additional information and would like to obtain and review bids from other companies before proceeding.

The matter was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Billy Harris, Mayor Billy Harris Date: 10-13-26

April Spraggs, City Clerk April Spraggs Date: 10-13-26