



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Alderman Robert Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Attendance was taken. Present: Aldermen Lonnie Cox, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley. Alderman David Wilkins was absent.

Also present: Electric Assistant Foreman Carson Stieferman, Street Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger, Public Works & Utilities Director Matt Rusch, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, City Administrator Tara Strain, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, Mayor Chris Cox, Police Chief Harlan Hatton, Fire Chief Denny Rusch. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Linda Bormann.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Comments from Citizens was opened at 6:31 pm. Hearing no comments, the section was closed at 6:31 pm.

5. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Foreman Kroeger reported that approximately half of the new meters and registers have been installed, and the city should receive the remaining meters soon. It had been discovered that many meters had been reporting on the wrong frequency; since fixing that error the monthly manual re-reads has decreased. The repairs to the animal shelter were completed at a total cost of approximately \$5000; the project had been budgeted for

\$10,000.

b. Water

c. Sewer

d. Discussion - Hydrant Metering Fees

Minutes:

Foreman Kroeger led discussion regarding hydrant new metering fees. It currently costs the City around \$100 to install meters for one time events, such as residents filling swimming pools or companies doing boring work. These work orders are now only being invoiced for the water usage. In order to recoup the cost to the City it was proposed that a \$100 meter fee be charged, in addition to the monthly water usage. The \$100 would be a one-time set up fee; if the meter remains active for subsequent months only the water usage would be charged for those months. An ordinance will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

6. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Assistant Foreman Stieferman reported that tree line clearance has continued, and multiple street lights have been replaced. New poles have been set for new subdivisions, and storm damaged poles have been replaced. Wire will be pulled at the new Jim Butler facility this week.

b. Generation/Purchase

c. Distribution

d. Other

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Foreman Hoffman advised that drainage work has been done on several culverts and street repairs have been completed. Christensen Asphalt should commence paving along Singleton Street in the next few weeks.

b. Streets

c. Sanitation

d. Storm Water

e. Other

8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

Director Rusch stated that the wastewater project has been completed. DNR should inspect the work by early October, and then Bartlett & West will submit final reports. The Chemco slaker drawings were approved and the process of fabrication has begun.

b. Other

9. AS MAY ARISE

10. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Rodgers made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Magley seconded the motion. On a call by the Mayor for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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