



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by Public Works/Public Utilities chairman Robert Hudson. Aldermen Terri Motley, Christina Stevens, Robert Hudson and David Wilkins answered roll call. Absent were Aldermen Don Rodgers and Landon Magley. Also present were City Administrator Heather Russell, Mayor Chris Cox, Public Works/Utilities Director Mike Forsee, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Bob Bias, Matt Fadler, Phil Hoffman, Matt Rusch, Sheila Bias, Linda Bormann, Don Bormann and James Smith with the Fireside Guard.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Committee Chairman Robert Hudson led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Chairman Hudson opened the Comments from Citizens at 6:23. Mayor Chris Cox opened by stating he has received comments from citizens watching the recorded meeting about the unnecessary chatter in the audience. Some of this is picked up on the recording and makes it difficult to follow the meeting. Linda Bormann 800 Jason Court Centralia stated her opinion about the new notification format and accessing the meeting documents. City Administrator Russell explained that a new software program is being used and staff are still learning the program and that it is a much easier format. As there were no other citizens expressing a desire to comment this portion of the meeting was closed at 6:25 p.m.

4. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Matt Rusch advised the water/sewer department is keeping Phil Hoffman and crew busy with concrete work. He is getting more information on the start up date for the new water treatment plant, there is no set date yet as waiting on necessary parts.

Public Works Director Mike Forsee a big test will be done tomorrow with clarifiers. Mike Forsee also reports looking at new options for reading water meters. Heather explained there are several options being reviewed.

- a. Water
- b. Sewer
- c. Other

5. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Matt Fadler advised the 120 volt meters have been received.

Alderman Landon Magley joined the meeting at 6:39. Matt also advised two applications for lineman have been received.

- b. Generation/Purchase
- c. Distribution
- d. Other

Net Metering Module for UMS

Minutes:

City Administrator Heather Russell explained the New Metering module is a software program to aid in calculating billing for solar customers. Currently Samantha is having to hand calculate the billing for the solar customers. The program will allow for different billing options for these clients. Linda Bormann 800 Jason Court asked how many solar customers are in Centralia. Administrator Russell responded currently 8-10 customers are set up with solar, and are looking at adding more. Alderman Stevens voiced her support of this billing option as she is a solar customer and stated sometimes her bill is difficult to understand. Mayor Cox stressed he wants to ensure this software will be supported by the company. He requested information be obtained on how the annual tech support will be impacted by this addition.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Activity Report
- b. Streets
- c. Sanitation
- d. Storm Water
- e. Other

7. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

a. Monthly Report

Public Works Director Report

Minutes:

Public Works/Utilities Director Mike Forsee reports he is trying to get the waste water treatment buttoned down. He has also been busy assisting Matt Rusch with the water treatment plant.

- b. Other

Purchasing

Minutes:

Mike briefly discussed the current equipment and usage. He proposes selling the Street Department backhoe. The Water Department backhoe would be moved to the Street Department and a new "mini" track hoe would be purchased for the Water Department. He reports the track hoes are utilized the most. He reports used track hoes sell for \$38,000 to \$45,000. Mike presented two quotes for the new "mini". Members of the Board expressed support for purchasing this.

8. AS MAY ARISE**Minutes:**

Nothing was presented during As May Arise.

9. ADJOURN**Minutes:**

Alderman David Wilkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Christina Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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