



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Chairman Robert Hudson called the Public Works Public Utilities meeting to order at 7:45 p.m..

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Aldermen Terri Motley, Robert Hudson, David Wilkins, Don Rodgers and Landon Magley answered roll call. Absent was: Christina Stevens.

Also in attendance were Mayor Chris Cox, City Administrator Heather Russell, Public Works Director Mike Forsee, Electric Dept. Foreman Matt Fadler, Street Dept. Foreman Phil Hoffman, Water Dept. Foreman Matt Rusch, Todd Cooper, Corporal Stoebe, Dale Hughes, Linda Bormann and James Smith with the Fireside Guard.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Chairman Hudson led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson opened the comments from citizens portion of the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Todd Cooper - 401 Orchard St. reports major water back-up occurred in June during the heavy rain. Mr. Cooper inquired if the city planned to address the water issues on Orchard to alleviate future problems. Mike Forsee advised there were limbs blocking drainage which contributed to the problem. Mr. Cooper stated the existing culvert is not able to handle the water flow. Mike stated he would investigate to see if a wider culvert or channel would help. Linda Bormann - 800 Jason Ct asked who is responsible for clearing out fence rows - is the home/land owner responsible or the city. She is concerned about an area near Columbia Street where visibility is reduced. Mike stated he would talk to the property owner. Alderman Hudson closed the comments section at 7:57 p.m. Todd Cooper left the meeting.

5. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

The activity report is in the packet. Electric Foreman Matt Fadler commented Zach Townsend joined the department in June; Osson Cox attended climbing school and he has been working with his crew doing a lot of training.

Mayor Chris Cox asked whom should be contacted about getting a street light in the curve on Gano Chance at JJ. Research will be done to see who is responsible for electricity in that area.

b. Generation/Purchase

c. Distribution

d. Other

6. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Street Department Foreman Phil Hoffman reports his department has been very busy with drainage issues with the heavy rains experienced the past several weeks.

Dale Hughes - 805 S Rollins inquired about storm sewer installation - Mike explained there has been discussion with an engineer and are looking at a grant to aid in financing - looking for grant approval in 2022.

b. Streets

c. Sanitation

d. Storm Water

e. Other

7. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

The activity report is in the packet. Water Foreman Matthew Rusch reports his department has been doing normal operations in spite of several water line breaks. There are a few tests to do for the new water treatment plant which may go live 07/13/2021. Matthew advised the new plant will not be an overnight fix - there may be issues for a few weeks.

b. Water

c. Sewer

d. Other

8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

Dale Hughes left the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Public Works Director Mike Forsee advised his report is in the packet. He has been working with the various departments as needed as well as engineers for projects and working on cost

savings.

b. Other

9. AS MAY ARISE

Minutes:

Nothing was brought up during this segment of the agenda.

10. ADJOURN

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Terri Motley seconded the motion. The motion carried with voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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