



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022 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 6:29 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Chris Cox and Aldermen Hudson, Wilkins, Rodgers & Magley were present. City Administrator Heather Russell, Public Works Director Mike Forsee, Water Foreman Matt Rusch, Electric Foreman Matt Fadler, Street Assistant Foreman Deme Towne, Police Chief Harlan Hatton, Fire Chief Denny Rusch and Assistant Clerk Beth Kable were also present. Guests included Harold Deckard, Dale Hughs & Linda Bormann.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

5. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Water Foreman Matt Rusch will meet with Viridine to discuss the Slaker, they have installed a new heater and it seems to be working. They are having electrical trouble with Well 3 and have ordered parts for it. They will meet with Fischer/Bartlett this week and there have been 4 guys out doing dirt work at the wastewater project for the last week and they are showing signs of progress. The performance bond will run out soon and City Administrator Heather Russell has told them that the renewal needs to be in our office by Friday, April 15. We do not know what will happen if Fischer/Bartlett does not renew, they assured us they would. Public Works Director Mike Forsee reported that the bed for Matt Rusch's truck was in Canada and we are not sure when we will get it.

a. Activity Report

b. Water

c. Sewer

d. Other

Update on WWTF Project

6. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Electric Foreman Matt Fadler reported that his department is doing a lot of pole changes. City Administrator Heather Russell said that herself, Mike Forsee, Matt Fadler and Matt Rusch attended a utility roundtable last week and they discussed city installation of EV charging stations. Heather will talk to the Jim Butler dealership to see if they are putting one in and if they are, we may not have to. The city may have to install one at some point, but they use a lot of electricity, so that is concerning. Heather also announced that Matt Fadler was chosen to serve on the MUPA Safety Board. The bid for the skid steer for the Electric department was discussed and Mike suggested that we go ahead and get a PO on it due to the rising costs of equipment. The stump grinder was discussed next with Matt Fadler saying that he thinks it would pay for itself within 6 months. Mike said the bids look good and we are actually going with the cheapest bid, but it is a good grinder. Mike checked on the bucket truck, but it will be at least next April before we get it, however the price stays the same and we do not pay for it until we get it. Mayor Cox presented Matt Fadler with a proclamation in honor of Lineworker Appreciation Day.

a. Activity Report

b. Generation/Purchase

c. Distribution

d. Other

7. PUBLIC WORKS

Minutes:

Assistant Street Foreman Deme Towne reported that they have been busy pouring sidewalks, replacing culverts and generally cleaning up from winter. There have been several compliments on the new sidewalk on Railroad Street. The next sidewalk project will be on Booth St. Public Works Director Mike Forsee reported that he wants to get a price locked in for the dump truck to try to save money. At this point we will be \$6000 over budget, and the prices keep going higher. No Aldermen had any objections with going forward.

a. Activity Report

b. Streets

c. Sanitation

d. Storm Water

e. Other

8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Minutes:

Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Forsee reported that he heard from MODOT that they will be taking bids for the new roundabout in June of 2023. He also said that he

would be meeting with Kimco next week to discuss replacing the Slaker if it goes down again. He is working with local farmers on the wastewater project and reported that DNR would cover some of the construction cost for the expansion. However, we are still waiting on parts and supplies for the project. Mike said that he met with Emery Sapp about the Northpoint project and they will start working on it this week, weather permitting.

a. Monthly Report

b. Other

9. CITY-WIDE ALERT SYSTEM VIDEO PRESENTATION

Minutes:

A video about GOGov was presented to the board about an app based alert system used by small local governments. This system would allow the city to notify citizens of alerts and closures over several medias at one time. It would cost \$2,400 per year with an annual renewal. City Administrator Heather Russell said that ARPA funds would be used to cover the expense.

a. GONotify

10. AS MAY ARISE

11. ADJOURN

Minutes:

Alderman Wilkins moved to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

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