



# Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

## Minutes

Monday, July 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 Public Works & Utilities Committee meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

##### Minutes:

Present: Aldermen Terri Motley, Robert Hudson, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers & Landon Magley. Also present, Mayor Chris Cox, City Administrator Heather Russell, Public Works & Utility Directors Mike Forsee & Matt Rusch, Police Chief Harlan Hatton, Electric Foreman Matt Fadler, Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger, Street Assistant Foreman Deme Towne & Fire Chief Denny Rusch. Alderman Absent: David Wilkins  
Guests attending: Ryan Russell, Brayden Russell, Josh Russell, Don Bormann, Linda Bormann & James Smith

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

##### Minutes:

Alderman Hudson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

##### Minutes:

Alderman Robert Hudson opened the floor to comments from citizens at 6:30 p.m. Hearing none, he closed the comments at 6:31 p.m.

#### 5. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

##### Minutes:

Citizen Linda Bormann announced that her husband Don Bormann wanted to be present for the Water Department portion of the meeting and he was running late, so she asked to skip to the Electric portion of the meeting. Alderman Deckerd moved to move the Water Department portion of the meeting to the end of the agenda. Alderman Rodgers seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous voice vote with

**a. Activity Report**

**Minutes:**

Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger said that they had been working on getting the temporary pump up and running at Benoit's farm and they were successful.

Moving water out to the farmers has been slow, but they have been plumbing up a new pump this week to help with this issue.

**b. Water**

**c. Sewer**

**d. Other**

**e. Vacc Truck Proposal**

**Minutes:**

Public Work & Utilities director Mike Forsee said that they have planned to make this purchase for some time because this machine will replace 2 pieces of equipment, the Vac Trailer and the Sewer Machine. It will also be a bigger, more powerful machine that will be more capable for our project needs. It will come from a St. Louis community that has a 5 year trade cycle and a good reputation for caring for their equipment. The dealership will go through the truck and fix any mechanical issues. Mike said that Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger will go down to look at it to make sure that it is in the condition the dealer says it is. City Administrator Heather Russell says that this is a budgeted item, although it was budgeted for \$160,000, the truck will cost \$180,000. With the truck replacing 2 different pieces of equipment, the sale of those items will cover the extra expense of the new truck. Also, Mike says that we will send some of the crew members to be trained for using the truck.

**f. Water & Wastewater Update**

**Minutes:**

Public Works & Utilities Director Matt Rusch reported that Velodyne president Paul Plache came to work on the Slaker and repaired a few small things and gave the crew a proper cleaning schedule to follow. Two days following his visit, the heater that was replaced in April went out. Matt said that his crew was following Paul's instructions to the letter and keeping detailed notes of what they do every day. Martin's are sending someone to clean the Slaker 2 times a week, we are not allowed to clean it. Mayor Chris Cox asked what effect the hard water would have on the pipes and Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Forsee said that it is not great, but the water is not as hard as it could be. Some homes may have some issues with appliances. City Administrator Heather Russell is going to talk to City Attorney Cydney Mayfield about our options. Matt reported that the Rhodes basin is going through testing and things are going well so far. He talked to Nick Martin about the pumps and electrical supplies and he said that it will be a long time before we get them. This is the reason for the Change

Order, they have extended the completion date from August 29th to February 1, 2023.

Pictures of the lower basin were passed around and Matt said that C & S had dug the pipe through the berm and did not run into any water or sand, so that is very positive. The wet spot seems better and the Aldermen feel comfortable with it at this time. Fischer Grading had an issue with having another contractor come in and finish the basins, so Matt said he was going to submit a change order, but he has not at this time. Matt said there is a lot of dirt in the upper basin that needs to be moved. The Change Order from Fischer Grading was supposed to be in by noon, but it was not. A decision on how to proceed has to be made on Monday, July 18th at the regular Board of Aldermen meeting. Don Bormann was asked to survey the progress of completion for the basins and he presented his results. He said that Bartlett & West was supposed to work with him and send him the specs of the project, but they did not. He indicated that the benchmarks were off by 200 ft. He shot the top and everything inside the upper basin and he said that the east side is to grade, but the west side has a lot of work to be done. He thinks that 75% of the west side is done and 80% of the inside of the basin is finished. The outside of the basin is not close to being done, so he thinks that 75% of the entire project is done. He did the shooting on June 23rd and no work has been done since then. This means that we do not owe Fischer Grading any more money because the city has already paid for 80% of the project and that percentage of work is not done. Bartlett & West is supposed to provide us with a list of what needs to be done, but they have not yet. City Administrator Heather Russell said that there is an issue with an invoice from a another contractor used by Fischer Grading that said we owed them money. However, we paid Fischer and they are supposed to pay the contractor, so this may be an issue in the future. Alderman Magley asked what the completion date is because the city will collect \$500 for every day after that date. Heather said August 19, 2022 was the site completion date without testing, so August 20, 2022 we should start collecting the penalty payments.

#### **g. Change Order #3 Wastewater Project**

##### **Minutes:**

City Administrator Heather Russell announced that this is a no money order, it extends the completion date from August 29, 2022 to February 1, 2023. This issue is beyond their control because of supply issues.

Approving Change Order No. 3 for Centralia Wastewater System Improvements Part 4. Alderman Rodgers made the motion to approve Change Order No. 3 for Centralia Wastewater System Improvements Part 4. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by the Alderman Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Wilkins.

## **6. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

### **a. Activity Report**

**Minutes:**

Electric Foreman Matt Fadler reported that they have been doing a lot of tree trimming on Booth street from the park to Howard Burton to help with the sidewalk project. They have also been working on the underground project on Lee and Pratt streets and should finish it within the week.

**b. Generation/Purchase****c. Distribution****d. Other****7. PUBLIC WORKS****a. Activity Report****Minutes:**

Assistant Street Foreman Deme Towne reported that they have been working on sidewalks and ditching. They have the Booth Street sidewalks done from the pool to Parkview Ct. and they will continue on to Jefferson Street. After that project is finished, they will move to the project in front of the High School. The center of the culdisac at Parkview Court was discussed. The landscaped center needs to be removed to help with traffic flow. In the past, residents have wanted it removed or changed, so there should not be opposition to the project. City Administrator Heather Russell will see if a Board of Alderman vote is needed to make the change and try to talk to all of the residents to make sure they are agreeable to removing it.

**b. Streets****c. Sanitation****d. Storm Water****e. Other****8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR****a. Monthly Report****Minutes:**

Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Forsee reported that he has been working with Consolidated Electric and Boone Electric Cooperatives about pads for electric for the wastewater project. He has also been getting a lot of calls from the farmers wanting water for their crops.

**b. Other****Minutes:**

Mayor Chris Cox presented Mike Forsee with a certificate of appreciation for his 32 years of service with the City of Centralia.

**9. AS MAY ARISE****Minutes:**

City Administrator Heather Russell said that Jon Angell has asked to use the roads around our wastewater basins that connects two of his farms. There is a gate at the corner of his property that was used to drive through to his property on the other side

of the basins, he would like to start using it again. Alderman Rodgers thought there might be an issue with our liability insurance that would not allow this to happen. Heather said she would talk to the insurance company for their advice on the matter.

## **10. ADJOURN**

### **Minutes:**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Motley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Deckerd seconded the motion. On a call by Alderman Hudson for ayes and nays the motion carried unanimously with Alderman Wilkins absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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