



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, April 10, 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 6:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Aldermen Robert Hudson, David Wilkins, Harold Deckerd, and Don Rodgers were in attendance. Aldermen Terri Motley & Landon Magley were absent. Others present: Mayor Chris Cox, City Administrator Tara Strain, Public Works & Utilities Director Matt Rusch, Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Aaron Kroeger, Electric Dept. Foreman Matthew Fadler, Assistant Electric Foreman Ossen Cox, Street & Sanitation Dept. Foreman Phil Hoffman, Police Chief Harlan Hatton, Fire Chief Denny Rusch & Deputy City Clerk Beth Kable. Citizens present: Don & Linda Bormann, Centralia Chamber of Commerce Director Sam Sudbrock & Hilary Filimonuk.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mayor Cox led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Alderman Hudson opened the floor for Comments from Citizens at 6:30 p.m., hearing no comments, comments from citizens was closed at 6:30 p.m.

5. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Electric Foreman Matt Fadler reported that they have been busy installing new services and have finished the bathroom in the new shop. He also wanted to praise his crew for the efficient handling of the surge and power outage earlier in the month.

b. Generation/Purchase

c. Distribution

d. Other

6. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Street Foreman Phil Hoffman reported that they have been working on cleaning ditches and blowing out culverts to help with drainage. They have also taken the snow equipment off the trucks so they are ready for spring. Mayor Cox asked when he planned to spray the alleys and Phil said they were going to wait a little bit, it is a little early to spray.

b. Streets

c. Sanitation

d. Storm Water

e. Other

7. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger said that they have been helping with the new Electric Barn and installed water and sewer for the bathroom. He is hoping to get the Northeast pump up and running at the end of next week, but they are waiting on parts. They have also been working with Visu-sewer to fix problem areas in the sewer lines so they can start the sewer lining process.

b. Water

c. Sewer

d. Other

8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

Public Works Director Matthew Rusch reported that he has been in a lot of meetings with contractors of new buildings for Hubbell and Jim Butler in order be prepared for construction. The electric parts needed to get the Rhodes & Benoit pumps up and running do not have an ETA at this time, so we are going to temp them in so they can be operational for this summer and then they can easily transitioned when the parts from Eaton arrive. Alderman Harold Deckerd asked about the timeline of the roundabout at Hwy 22 and Rt. B and Matthew said that they have been working on doing locates to prepare for work to start. Mayor Cox said that they will start in 2023 and finish in 2024. Alderman Rodgers asked about the street paving for this year and Matthew said that most of the streets are in pretty good shape, but there is a list of priority streets. It is hard to say how many will be completed due to the unpredictability of the cost of asphalt for this year, but the budgeted amount is similar to last year. Mayor Cox asked about work being done at the North Field and Matthew said that they ran the soil conditioner over it to get it ready and they also run it at the golf course along with working on some curb. Matthew said that all the City work is completed at the golf course.

b. Other

9. AS MAY ARISE

10. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins 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. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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