



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm

CENTRALIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

114 S. Rollins Street, Centralia, MO 65240

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Alderman Harold Deckerd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Aldermen Lonnie Cox, Robert Hudson, David Wilkins, Harold Deckerd, and Don Rodgers answered roll call. Alderman Landon Magley was absent. Others present: City Administrator Tara Strain, Public Works & Utilities Director Matt Rusch, Mayor Chris Cox, Water & Sewer Dept. Foreman Aaron Kroeger, Electric Dept. Foreman Clayton Crump, Street & Sanitation Dept. Assistant Foreman Deme Towne, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Harlan Hatton & Deputy City Clerk Beth Kable. Citizens present: James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, and Linda Bormann.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Alderman Harold Deckerd led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Minutes:

Alderman Harold Deckerd opened comments from citizens at 6:30 p.m. He said that he has received several complaints about the railroad tracks and several citizens have approached him about the number of trees that are dying in the city. City Administrator Tara Strain said that she is going to work with John Kottwitz and the Tree Board to come up with a plan. Alderman Deckerd closed comments from citizens at 6:31 p.m.

5. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd welcomed new electric foreman Clayton Crump to the city as it was his first day in his new position. Foreman Crump gave a review of the previous month's activity

including installing new service to the new subdivision on Hwy 22. Alderman Deckerd said that he noticed the streetlight is out at Gano Chance and Hwy 22. Public Works Director Matthew Rusch said that this is a perpetual problem due to mice chewing the wires.

b. Generation/Purchase

c. Distribution

d. Other

6. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Assistant Street Foreman Deme Towne said they have finished the Booth Street sidewalk from the swimming pool to Howard Burton Street. They have also been working on patching the streets and replacing culverts. They have also started digging out the triangle at Howard Burton and Hwy 22. They will put down weed barrier and rock on the top. They have worked on drainage on South Allen and have made progress to help with the issue. City Administrator Tara Strain gave an update on the roundabout at Hwy 22 and Hwy 124. The bid was awarded to Capitol Paving, and they plan to start in August. The job requires the project to be finished within 72 days of starting with the entire project done by August 2025. Alderman Don Rodgers asked if the city would have to pay for anything with this project and Public Works Director Matthew Rusch said our only cost would be in removing the streetlights from around the project. Mayor Cox expressed concern about putting anything in the middle of the roundabout due to the risk of someone running through the middle of it. City Administrator Tara Strain indicated that the plan was black and white gravel with a weed barrier under it.

b. Streets

c. Sanitation

d. Storm Water

e. Other

7. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

a. Activity Report

Minutes:

Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger said they have been working with Flynn Drilling to fix Well 3. The work is complete, and it was done well under budget. They have also been working on fixing DNR violations that were found during their sewer inspection.

b. Water

c. Sewer - RV Dump Site Discussion

Minutes:

Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger said there was a suggestion to get rid of the RV dump site, but he felt he can fix it up a little bit and put a fence around it for very little cost. He indicated that there are a couple businesses that use it regularly and pay to do so, therefore he feels we should keep it open. Alderman Hudson felt that it does not cost anything to keep open and provides a service to our citizens, so he is in favor of keeping it. Public Works Director Matthew Rusch said that this issue was raised due to the area of grass next to it that has

been offer to the park department for a playground, but he feels we could put a fence around it to keep the children away from it.

d. Other

8. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

a. Monthly Report

Minutes:

Public Works Director Matthew Rusch reported that they finished lowering the water main at the new Hubbell building and they also installed a new fire hydrant while they had it dug up. He has also been at the high school to help with the projects there. He still does not have a ship date for the Slaker, but all of the parts are in, and it is being tested. We have no installation bids yet, but he is hoping to ask a few contractors to bid it.

b. Other

9. AS MAY ARISE

10. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Rodgers made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Wilkins seconded the motion. On a call by Alderman Deckerd for ayes and nays, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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