



Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2026 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 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Aldermen Jessica Orsini, David Wilkins, Harold Deckerd, Don Rodgers, and Landon Magley were present. Alderman Robert Hudson was absent. Others present: Mayor Chris Cox, City Administrator Tara Strain, City Attorney Cydney Mayfield, City Clerk Marilyn Dick, Police Chief Harlan Hatton, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Public Works Director Matthew Rusch, Electric Foreman Clayton Crump, Street Foreman Deme Towne, Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger. Citizens present: Ashley Cameron with the Centralia Chamber of Commerce, James Smith with the Centralia Fireside Guard, Linda Bormann.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Alderman Deckerd led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Water Foreman Aaron Kroeger reported that water meters have been ordered from Midwest Meters. The crew recently installed a new valve behind the vet clinic, and completed the water main extension on Lakeview Street. Alderman Deckerd asked if our basins are full of water; Kroeger replied that one is completely full and the other is approximately 3/4 full, due to all the recent rain.

a. Activity Report

5. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes:

Electric Foreman Clayton Crump reported the crew has completed several underground projects and set a new pole near Sonic. They have also installed anchors and trimmed tree limbs from lines.

a. Activity Report

6. PUBLIC WORKS

Minutes:

Street Foreman Deme Towne reported they have replaced numerous concrete patches and replaced several culverts. Alderman Deckerd questioned the small area near Lois Drive and Gano Chance Road that is marked and appears to be a slight speed bump. Towne replied that the area will be on the list for an upcoming asphalt company to do spot milling.

a. Activity Report

7. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Minutes:

Public Works Director Matthew Rusch advised that residential construction projects have started to increase. Rusch has assisted the utility crews with recent projects, bid requests, and land application contracts. Rusch reported that Braik Tree Service has resumed tree removal, and they plan to remove sawdust piles at a later date.

a. Monthly Report

8. ADJOURN

Minutes:

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkins made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Orsini seconded the motion. On a call by Alderman Deckerd for ayes and nays, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.