

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 29, 2026

The Palmyra Board of Public Works met on the above date in the Palmyra Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. with President Ernie Boulware presiding. The following board members answered roll call: Ernie Boulware, Gary Stuhlman, Gerry Maas, and Tim Browning. Also present was Zeke Shapiro of WGEM, City Attorney James Lemon, Superintendent Brent Abell, and Council Liaison Steve Bland.

A motion was made by Boulware and seconded by Browning to approve the agenda as presented. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stuhlman and seconded by Browning to approve the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Maas to approve the bills for the electric, water and sewer departments. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

The financial report along with plant and payroll reports were discussed.

Superintendent Brent Abell highlighted portions of the electrical rate study and advised the board would be hearing from BHMG Engineers at the meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Abell also advised as follows:

- a. Abell has received some pushback from residents on Thompson Street on the sewer easements which are needed for the sewer main upgrades to be funded through the DNR loan.
- b. Abell participated in a meeting where the electrical needs for the Taste of Palmyra were discussed.
- c. BHMG and MECO will be viewing the substation within the next 10 days.
- d. Abell reported a sewer backup on Sloan Avenue where a check valve has been installed.
- e. Abell is working on the budget.
- f. The vac truck motor is in Wentzville.

Browning inquired about the status of an employee who is needing to pass an operator's DNR test to hold his job. The employee failed the test in January and is waiting on a book to study so he can retake the test.

A motion was made by Boulware and seconded by Browning to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1)(3)(13), RSMo. and admit the board members, City Attorney James Lemon, Superintendent Brent Abell, Council Liaison Steve Bland, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Boulware, Stuhlman, Maas, and Browning. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the board entered closed session at 5:42 p.m.

After a motion in closed session to enter open session and with no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:31 p.m.

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Ernest W. Boulware, President

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Deena L. Parsons, Assistant Secretary