

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

March 5, 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 Manager Pete Dames and Manager Dustin Smith.

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 February 19<sup>th</sup> and the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

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

The payroll report was discussed.

A motion was made by Stuhlman and seconded by Maas to approve and adopt Resolution #2026-01 entitled "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION DBA: MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISSION". On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

Electrical Manger Pete Dames reported the following:

- Dames attended a meeting for the Ameren transmission line. This line will not affect the City of Palmyra.
- The electrical budget has been balanced and submitted to the Board.
- The electrical department made an adjustment to one transformer, and the high voltage reading has been corrected.
- Job descriptions have been reviewed and revised. The descriptions will be updated and reviewed one final time before being submitted to the personnel committee.
- Dames recommended that A.J. O'Brien be placed in the position to run the electrical crew on a daily basis with the title of general foreman with a pay increase.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Maas to accept the recommendation of Dames and promote A.J. O'Brien to the position of general foreman of the electrical crew with a pay increase to \$40.83 per hour effective immediately. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

Council Liaison Steve Bland entered the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith reported the following:

- Smith updated the board on obtaining signatures on the sewer easements. He also provided a list of options from City Attorney Lemon if a landowner refuses to sign the easement.
- The water loss is being reviewed. Smith believes the calculations from the water plant is where the discrepancy lies. There is an old meter at the plant that will be replaced with the DNR upgrades. The meter may not be reporting accurately. Smith has reached out to Missouri Rural Water Association and will be discussing an option for leak detection for the town.
- An update on the vac truck was given. The truck is not fixed, and it is reported that more work needs to be done. On the recommendation of Smith and Employee Blake Klein, the board authorized removing the truck from the shop in Wentzville and seeing if Robert's Garage can get it fixed.
- Smith is in the process of interviewing applicants for the three open positions.
- The board members authorized Smith to receive reimbursement from Leeser Truck Wash to all expenses associated with the pre-treatment program.

- Well #4 is not working. It is believed the shaft is broken. Flynn Drilling and Richards Electric will be assisting in moving the communications to Well #7 and adjusting the flow/pressure.
- The board approved the purchase of a portable gate valve tool in the amount of \$5,500.00 to assist with the new DNR requirement to exercise the valves annually.
- The board approved the purchase of tractor forks from Sydenstricker in the amount of \$1,100.00 to assist with the unloading of polymer at the wastewater plant.

With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made at 5:57 p.m.

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Ernest W. Boulware, President

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Deena L. Parsons, Assistant Secretary