

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

March 19, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING: At 5:00 p.m., President Boulware opened the public hearing for the Board of Public Works budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:01 p.m.

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 Electrical Manager Pete Dames, Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith, 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 Browning and seconded by Maas to approve the minutes from the March 5th 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.

Electrical Manager Pete Dames reported the following:

- The job descriptions for the Electrical Manager and the Electrical General Foreman are ready to be approved.
- Adams County Electric is going to have a 47-foot boom digger truck for sale.
- The electrical department had five outages during the most recent windstorm.
- Electrical pole changeouts have been taking place. Of the 25 poles marked, there are 14 remaining to replace.
- The department has been approached to install new services to be implemented at the Palmyra Industrial Park.
- Dames will be meeting with Dave Redd to discuss the City's utility rate compared to REC.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Boulware to approve the Electrical Manager and Electrical General Foreman job descriptions and send them to the personnel committee for final approval. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith reported the following:

- The touch screen operating the UV system no longer works. A new unit has been ordered and shipped. DNR requires the UV system to run from April 1st through November 1st to assist with e-coli levels. If the unit is not installed and operational by April 1st, DNR will need to be notified, and the City will be in violation.
- The water loss is being reviewed by the employees. There has been some miscalculation of the reads from the water plant which have been corrected. MRWA is scheduled to come to Palmyra within the next two weeks to start a leak detection test.
- Pam O'Brien has accepted the water plant operator position.
- Andy Taylor has accepted the water/sewer maintenance position.
- Interviews for the wastewater plant operator position are still ongoing.
- The water services at 307 S. Main will not be moved to an outside vault because of lack of room, but the services will be upgraded and expanded interiorly by moving all water meters to a central location. There are 7 current meters with the property owner asking for 5 additional installations.
- The invoice for the Vac truck has been received, and it is a little over \$12,000.00.
- Obtaining signatures on the sewer easement has been a slow process.

The main topic for discussion was the foaming issue at the wastewater plant and the list of chemicals reported by Leeser Truck Wash. Smith has reviewed and researched the list and has come across chemicals that include a surface-active agent which is known to cause foam. The board discussed possibly solutions or additional steps Leeser Truck Wash may need to perform prior to releasing items into the wastewater system. Council Liaison Bland will return a call to Ron Brink on Friday, and Smith will work with Leeser Truck Wash to mitigate the issue.

With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made at 6:23 p.m.

Ernest W. Boulware, President

Deena L. Parsons, Assistant Secretary