

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

July 9, 2026

The Palmyra Board of Public Works met on the above date in the Palmyra Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. with President Gary Stuhlman presiding. The following board members answered roll call: Gary Stuhlman, Gerry Maas, and Tim Browning. Board Member Robert Lovegreen was absent. Also present was Interim Electrical Manager Pete Dames, Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith, Mark Salter, Council Liaison Steve Bland, Mayor Rusty Adrian, and Doug Bross.

A motion was made by Stuhlman 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 June 18th meeting. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Browning 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.

Electrical Department:

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Browning authorizing the purchase of a pole tamp from Tallman Equipment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the new digger truck. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

MPUA's large load policy and contract was discussed. The policy and contract are geared towards data centers and keeping the negative effects off the energy pool, the municipalities, and the residents. A feasibility study is required prior to entering into a contract.

Dames reported on what he has found out on the line loss which has to do with multiplier meters and the size of the load.

Dames received authorization to hire MB Construction at \$200.00 per hour to assist with the straightening of the light poles at Foster Field.

Employee Mark Salter provided an update on the work being performed by the outside crew.

Water/Wastewater Department:

Smith provided to the board three quotes for the ground storage tank repaint/refurbish along with OSHA required upgrades. A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Maas to approve the low bid by Tank Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$188,881.00 and authorized Smith to take to council. On a call of ayes and nays the motion carried.

The raw water line easements with the Gard Family and Bross Family are in discussion.

The water usage per minute for the dehumidifier at the water plant has been adjusted to pull less water per minute. There is an opportunity to add a close-loop system to decrease water usage even more. The estimated cost of the close loop is \$24,000.00.

The new effluent meter has been installed at the water plant. The VFD has been installed to Well 7 and the communication missions to the well have also been moved.

Smith reported that the clutch is being replaced on the sewer jetter, valves are being exercised, and the board held a discussion on the possibility of running fiber optic for communications with the wells during the raw water line upgrade.

Smith also stated he is considering pursuing a class B license for the wastewater plant to make sure the City has a certified operator for the future. There is a 9-day class being held in Macon in August he would need to attend.

The board members will tour the water plant the first meeting in September.

With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made at 6:22 p.m.

Gary Stuhlman, President

Deena L. Parsons, Assistant Secretary