

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

September 3, 2026

The Palmyra Board of Public Works toured the Palmyra Water Treatment Plant located at 712 North Bradley on September 3, 2026, beginning at 4:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Board President Gary Stuhlman, Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith, and Water Operator Joe Camp.

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 in attendance were Pete Dames, Electrical Manager Mark Salter, Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith and Council Liaison Steve Bland.

Pete Dames asked the board's authorization to address the council at the meeting set for 7:00 p.m. and provide facts about the misrepresentation on social media of the electrical cost comparisons between Missouri REC and the Palmyra Board of Public Works. On the whole, the City's rates are cheaper. The board was comfortable with this request.

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 August 20th 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 payroll report was discussed.

Electrical Manager Mark Salter reported the following:

- a. Lead Lineman A.J. O'Brien has been in this position for six months and will be receiving his pay increase.
- b. Old batteries from the substation are being recycled through Interstate Battery.
- c. The crew is still changing out 3-phase poles along with a few single-phase poles.
- d. SD Myers will be contracted to provide oil testing on six transformers and one regulator.
- e. Solomon will be picking up six transformers to determine whether they can be repaired or will need to be recycled.
- f. The metering at Perry Machine and Die has been updated.
- g. Roland Machinery will be looking at the forklift for an oil leak.
- h. Repairs are being made to the bucket truck and the digger.
- i. Representatives from MPUA assisted the electrical department in the proper way to do a switchover in the substation.
- j. Salter provided the board with access to his personal drone services to be used for the betterment of the City of Palmyra and Palmyra Board of Public Works. MIRMA will be contacted concerning insurance and liability concerns.

Council Member Brock Fahy entered the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith reported the following:

- a. Smith provided an update on the ground storage tank refurbish/repairs.
- b. The water easements revisions are with City Attorney Lemon while the sewer easements for boring have been distributed for signatures.
- c. The board has received a Letter of Compliance concerning the Leeser Truck Wash pretreatment program.
- d. The board is required to perform a survey of all industrial customers every three-years as part of the pretreatment program. There will be approximately 15 customers being contacted by Smith in the near future.

- e. Smith advised the vac truck is still not fully operational. He asked the board to consider upgrading the truck as the City of Moberly has a 2018 vac truck they will be placing on Purple Wave by the end of the year to sell. It is believed the Moberly truck will bring around \$100,000.
- f. Smith provided an update on all departments.

Smith and Salter advised the need for winter clothing such as hoodies or coats for employees. It was also mentioned by Lineman Levi Camp needs rain gear and bibs.

With no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was made at 6:24 p.m.

Gary Stuhlman, President

Deena L. Parsons, Assistant Secretary