

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340

May 28, 2025

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Chuck Hines, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; Steve Mills, Secretary; and Wick Jacobi, Member.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0. The May 14th meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and approved by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Hines noted no incidents for the period, and the Water Treatment Department has worked for fifteen years with no recordable injuries.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller requested approval to replace the heating boiler in the Recycle Center building. He stated it had been repaired multiple times and needs to be replaced. Several vendors said it is too small for the area it is trying to heat. Mr. Hines asked if he had checked into other options, such as a tube heater. Director Muller said they had, but a tube heater was a fire risk due to the paper bales, and since the floor is already plumbed, he stated a larger unit similar to the current one would be a better option. Mr. Mills made a motion to request proposals to replace the heating boiler for the Recycle Center building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Director Muller added that stack testing had been done on units #7, #8, and #9 two weeks ago, with all three units passing with no issues.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported that Visu-Sewer has completed cleaning and measuring for liners and will return once the liners are ready. There is a section on Odell Avenue, south of Vest Street, that will need to be repaired before they can line it. The College Street water main replacement continues; Director Piper hopes to have all the pipe laid in July and the project fully completed in September. Director Piper is working with Cargil on an inflow issue; they are working on a system to reroute stormwater.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported that the rebid for the Miami 1 switchgear was opened May 15th; Toth & Associates is evaluating the bids received. Director Root then reported that the overhead to underground conversion at the 1100 block of Stonehaven and Fairlawn is complete, and they started the 900 and 1000 blocks yesterday.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported he is working on gaining access to the conduit the County installed that will allow him to cross I-70. The empty conduit reels have been broken down and taken by an outside vendor.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported the spreader truck has returned from Meyers Truck Service after having the gearbox repaired. Mr. Hines inquired of the blower; Superintendent Perkins responded that he has had no update from the insurance company, but a new one is on order.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported the acid disposal contractor removed four totes on May 22nd; they have four additional totes to remove, and they should pick these up this week. He received the soil sample results last week for lime spreading. Several items were not tested for; they will run these, and we should have the report in the next few days.

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Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige reported that one of the three vacancies in Underground Facilities has been filled, pending pre-employment screening. Three seasonal workers have been hired and started. Manager Baldrige acknowledged the Water Treatment personnel for having worked fifteen years with no recordable injuries.

Controller Tony Bersano reported he is working with the auditors on finalizing the September 30, 2024, audit. Controller Bersano then reported that all the bank accounts have been updated with the Mayor Pro-Tem's signature except Community Bank. He will be submitting a reimbursement for grant #2 this week. Mr. Hines asked about the Business Office sprinkler system inspection. Controller Bersano said they found it operational, and he has provided that info to the insurance carrier, and they have not commented.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported he will be meeting with USDI on the 29th to go over the natural gas line modifications. MEC has sent out the builder package bids for the Marshall Energy Center's building. The second set of bids for the Miami 1 substation were opened, but the delivery dates for the project create some scheduling issues with the Marshall Energy Center; installation of the switchgear may be pushed to Spring and Fall of 2027. General Manager Bergstrom reported on the visit to Laddonia to look at the MPUA and POET co-generation project.

Mr. Hines reported that he and General Manager Bergstrom had discussed the City Inspection Department.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 235,934.11
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 261,594.97
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 162,512.84
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 144,506.43
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 180.48
Total	\$ 804,728.83

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, at the Service Center Conference Room located at 1459 W. Arrow Street.

Following a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:49 a.m.

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/s/ Steve Mills _____, Secretary