

**MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340**

---

June 11, 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. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. The May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 the two incidents reported; IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel responded that the property damage incident was due to the IT & Broadband Department hitting an unmarked water main on Highway H. The main was in an area marked all clear by the utility serving that area. Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper responded that the report only injury was caused by debris that flew under safety glasses as an employee was mowing, and added that different safety glasses were being purchased.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins presented bids for asphaltting the gravel driveway north of the UV building. After discussing the dimensions and specifications for the driveway, Superintendent Perkins recommended the low bid from Higgins Asphalt.

#14-25-WWTP Asphalt Driveway	Total
Capital Paving & Construction LLC Jefferson City, MO 65110	\$29,000
Phillips Paving Co Inc Kansas City, MO 64132	\$22,789
Higgins Asphalt Tipton, MO 65081	\$18,310
Titan Paving Salem, MO 65560	\$73,000

Mr. Jacobi made a motion to accept the bid from Higgins Asphalt of \$18,310 to asphalt the driveway north of the UV building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hines inquired about the demo work on the north aeration basin. Superintendent Perkins replied that they are removing the blower units, piping, and diffuser units, and will clean it, but the actual basin will remain.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported shipping a load of #1 plastics at 17¢ per pound, which is the highest price he had seen. He added that cardboard and paper prices have dropped, so he will not be selling them for a while. Mr. Jacobi asked about the “lessons learned” meeting with Ethos. Director Muller responded that it was a meeting to go over the issues that had happened during the overhaul of unit #6. General Manager Jeff Bergstrom added that they went over the problems that occurred with changing project managers three times, the change of the scope of repairs needed from light to heavy repairs, the pricing increase, the timeline increase, and he did ask for financial relief due to these issues.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported he is working on the Water System Master Plan with Burns & McDonnell; a kick-off meeting is being scheduled. Mr. Hines asked about the completion of the water tower painting; Director Piper responded that he has called Maguire Iron several times each week. Mr. Jacobi asked what the total footage of the College Street water main replacement was;

**MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340**

---

Director Piper replied that a total of 2,700 feet will be replaced; they are tying in the south side as they go and will tie the north side in once all the pipe is installed.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported that Toth & Associates is still reviewing the second round of bids for the Miami 1 switchgear; they are going to request additional info from each bidder and hope to make a recommendation soon. His crew has been testing solar panel backfeeds with no issues. Mr. Jacobi said he had received a compliment on his department, specifically Mr. Hackett, and how considerate they have been of the homeowner’s property while working on the overhead to underground conversion on Stonehaven Avenue.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel recapped the unmarked water main his department hit. Director Widel then gave an update on the fiber installation projects: Kramer Construction is finished with their contracts, TNT has started and is almost halfway complete with their first contract, and Coleman is almost complete with last year’s contract. Mr. Hines asked if he was able to gain access to the conduit the County installed that will allow him to cross I-70; Director Widel replied he had spoken to the owner and had approval for an easement, but he needed to review the “as-built” plans.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported that the acid disposal project is complete. He has sent letters and supplies out for customer participation in the lead and copper sampling; some samples have already been returned, and he hopes to have it complete by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige recognized Mark Klasing and Caleb Griffitt for being selected as Employees of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31, 2025. Manager Baldrige reported the hiring of Joe Coslet for the IT & Broadband General Maintenance/Groundman position.

Controller Tony Bersano reported he had submitted a reimbursement for grant #2 this week. He also informed the Board he is working on the 2025/2026 Budget and will have a draft for them at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

General Manager Bergstrom reported that the City’s lawyer had reviewed the draft agreement for MMU to operate and maintain the County’s wastewater treatment plant at the Marshall Junction. They have to get a release letter stating that there are no Indian artifacts in the area, but he hopes to bring it to the July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The groundbreaking for the Marshall Energy Center is on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. General Manager Bergstrom then presented the Board with a graphic showing the SPP wind capacity. General Manager Bergstrom and staff continue to work with the City and IBTS, the City’s new inspection company.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 229,194.47
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,144,375.36
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 204,487.26
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 286,894.75
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,847.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,799.80</b>

**MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340**

---

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Service Center Conference Room located at 1459 W. Arrow Street.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:52 a.m. to go into an executive session to discuss matters under Mo. Rev.. Stat. 610.021 (Supp. 2009) concerning the following topic: legal, confidential, or privileged information [1]. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Roll call vote: Steve Mills   yes  
                  Ken Bryant    yes  
                  Wick Jacobi   yes  
                  Chuck Hines   yes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

DRAFT