

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

February 17, 2026

303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Marty Johnson, COO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Crystal Dennis, CFO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Dennis Pelts, Council Member

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The February 3, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

COO Report: Mr. Johnson provided department updates.

Mr. Johnson reported that electric crews are working on reconstruction in the Wright Acres and Hickory Village neighborhoods. The gas and water departments are doing meter removals and manual meter reading due to MTU (radio reading) failures. Engine #13 and #10 are back operational. The Power Plant is preparing for new control upgrades on engine #10 and working on the 2025 EIQ reporting. Mr. Johnson shared the power plant's generation and pricing. The Internet department has a new employee and has had the squirrel chews recently.

CEO Report: Mr. Chitester provided an executive update.

Property Acquisitions: 409 E. 2nd Street – The City Council is voting to approve the purchase at their meeting. 507 S. Anthony Street – Just waiting on the property owner.

Other items: Mr. Chitester reported that stay interviews with employees will be held in March and handled by a third party consultant. Reimbursements from the March 2025 tornado have been received from FEMA and SEMA. We have hired a Sanitation Manager that will begin work next week. Sanitation begins bulk pickup services on Friday and are scheduled out through March 27th. A discussion was held on BOPW city ordinances. Mr. Chitester will be presenting those to the Board and Council in the near future.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be on March 3, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary