MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
October 6, 2026
303 S. Anthony St, Kennett, MO 63857

| Members Present: | Others Present: | |
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| John Robertson | Melissa Combs, Interim CEO | Jake Crafton, Mayor |
| Phil D. Gurley | Crystal Belote, CFO | Lisa Dry, City Council |
| Richard Edgington | Lisa Stacks, Admin Assistant | Dennis Pelts, City Council |
| | Doug Criswell | Mark Bryant, City Council |
| | Towny Sparks | Chase Smith |
| | Drake Daniels | Jason MacDonald, Fisher/Arnold |
| | Stephen Hankins, Bootheel Beacon | Eric Wallace |

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

Mr. Gurley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2026, Mr. Edgington seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor.

Mr. Gurley made a motion to reject Mr. Sparks Board resignation. Mr. Edgington seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Gurley-aye, Mr. Edgington-aye, and Mr. Robertson-no. Motion failed.
Operational Updates:

Mr. MacDonald from Fisher and Arnold gave a presentation on the Water Treatment Plant project. Funding options and design processes were discussed. Fisher and Arnold proposed an agreement.
He then gave a presentation about a Generation project that was started years ago but shelved due to COVID.

Mr. Edgington made a motion to study this and see what meets our needs. Mr. Gurley seconded this. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Robertson-aye, Mr. Edgington-aye, and Mr. Gurley-aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Gurley made a motion to approve the recordings policy. Mr. Edgington seconded this. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Edgington-aye, Mr. Gurley-aye, and Mr. Robertson-aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the Criminal Background review policy. Mr. Edgington seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Edgington-aye, Mr. Robertson-aye, and Mr. Gurley-aye. All in favor. Motion passed.

CEO updates:

The CEO/Superintendent search-job requisition is closed. The Board will receive the applications today.

The upcoming community events: Delta Fair, Chamber Golf Outing, and Safety Day at Jones Park.

There will be a Health Fair in the IT Barn on October 29th. There will be an Employee Appreciation Lunch on October 20th, before the next Board Meeting.

Sanitation-Letters to the previous residential haulers went out today giving previous haulers 30 days to remove their carts from the city limits ending 10/09/2026. We will begin pursuing collections next week. The commercial solid waste ordinance will appear on tonight's City Council Agenda. We will ask Mr. McVey to draft the ordinance. He is already studying 3089.

Asbestos testing is complete on the sites to be torn down.

Water Treatment: Ground tanks have been sand blasted. The company doing the work did find some holes, pits, and issues in the ceiling. Their engineers are reviewing the ceiling now to determine what level of repair is necessary.

The RP3 application is finished and submitted.

The easement for the new Burke Hardware location is being worked on.

Visusewer is in town completing work for both public works and the city.

Delta Peanut did pay a cash deposit as they continue to work out their financial issues. They have not provided a timeline. We are monitoring their usage.

Power Plant: There have been positive results with the conversion to day-ahead purchasing. AQ great example was on 9/16. Real time prices peaked at just over $4,400/MWh and remained about $1,000/MWh for more than an hour. We are also continuing to work with Evergy to further refine our scheduling approach.

Mr. Edgington made a motion to approve the Loss Control and Prevention manual. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Mr. Edgington-aye, Mr. Gurley-aye, and Mr. Robertson-aye. Motion passed.

There was a suggestion to change the annual Awards Banquet to a Friday before Christmas at lunch and then give the employees the remainder of the day off.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Pelts brought up the issue of Mr. Sparks' resignation. Mayor, Jake Crafton reported that once City Council approves someone to be on the Board it is no longer a Council issue. The consensus was to find out what the next step is from the City Attorney, Mr. McVey.

The next meeting will be on October 20, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

Closed Session: A Closed Session meeting was held, pursuant to the Sunshine Law, RSMo 1998, Section 610.021, (1) legal actions, cause of action or litigation, and (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. Mr. Gurley made a motion to enter closed session. Mr. Edgington seconded the motion. There was a voice vote taken. Robertson-aye, Gurley-aye, and Edgington-aye.

Adjournment:
There being no further business, Mr. Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gurley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Richard Edgington Secretary