

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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APRIL 8, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Derek Peterson, Juan Topete, Jack Perkins, and Ron Wells

Staff Members present: Josiah Bayless, Director of Public Works and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizens Present: Bren Flanigan

Chairperson Derek Peterson called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Juan Topete made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2026, meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Josiah discussed the Lot Split Survey for 2740 Grand Ave. this property is 150' by 200" (Arvest Bank). In October of 2024, the City Council passed a Resolution for the Lot Split, but we have since found out the County will not allow a sale, because it was only a Survey and it needs to be a Survey Plat. Juan Topete made a motion to forward to Council for a Resolution for a Survey Plat, all ayes, motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Josiah reported:

1. Earth Day is coming up and there will be a special presentation at The Recycle Center on April 22nd from 10-2.
2. We are waiting to hear about funding from Region M Grant which helps pay the wages for one of the people at The Recycle Center.
3. The Loader for The Recycle Center is having a new engine installed by Fabick Cat in Joplin
4. The Bid Opening will be Monday April 13th at 10 am, for the forklift replacement.
5. The Fair Grounds at Municipal Park is getting a new Concession area put in by Trimline Barns. There is also a new poultry barn and wash area for cattle with a grate system for run off.
6. Josiah is helping oversee the Kellogg Lake Pavillion and Sidewalk project. The low bid of \$134,143.00 came in from Elements Construction.
7. After the last Bridge Committee Meeting, Josiah feels like things are moving in a good direction.
8. The Public Works Code Enforcement Officials are looking at areas of town located on Old 66 and sending out a 1st round of letters addressing problems.
9. Josiah and Bill had a meeting with the owner of the Plymouth DeSoto Building. He has 30 days to show proof of significant improvements being made on the building, and in the meantime the Public Works Department will be looking at Demolition Bids for the back half of the building. The owner says he has plans to fix up the building and we should see progress shortly.
10. 1700 S Main St. has been sent a letter about the trash and junk, and the Police Dept is in contact with the owner regarding the vehicle situation.
11. 426 S Main St is not being cooperative regarding the repairs that need to be done to the structure and will be receiving a citation.
12. Shaun received a phone call about 1200 Regan St regarding the fence and trash in the yard, he is looking at this situation and the possibility that what is in the yard is attracting and housing vermin.
13. The County is getting ready to rebuild the W. Oak St., Bridge
14. MoDot will be starting a project to widen the sidewalk on Oak St. @ I-49.

Derek Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. All Ayes, motion carried.

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