

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:01 PM – 7:59 PM

Present: Gayle Glumac, Joshua Kuhl, Kaleb Wright, Larry Brooks, RJ Lindemann, Eric Blake, Mike Swick, Melissa Brooks, Maggie McDonald, Amy Tarr, Brenda Phillips, BHMG, and Matt Tarr

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

- BHMG presented the committee with the Electric Utility Strategic Plan, outlining the City's long-term infrastructure needs and recommended capital improvements. The highest priority identified within the plan is the replacement of the Decatur Street Substation, which has reached the end of its expected service life and will require significant investment in the near future to maintain system reliability. The committee discussed potential funding mechanisms and budgeting strategies for the project. Alderman Lindemann voiced the possibility of selling the city's electric utility. The committee agreed to continue researching all available alternatives and will revisit the matter at the Electric Committee Meeting scheduled for September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- Matt presented the Fast Forward Switching Program, which would provide the Electric Department with enhanced data and analytics regarding the city's electrical distribution system, including power lines, transformers, and other critical infrastructure. The committee discussed how the program could improve system monitoring, operational efficiency, and future planning efforts.
- The committee discussed the Electric Department's need to purchase a reel trailer. This equipment would improve operational efficiency by allowing the guys to transport and handle wire reels more safely and effectively, reducing labor time and increasing productivity in the field.
- There has been vandalism at the big pavilion in Peterson Park. Several lighting fixtures and electrical components were intentionally damaged. Matt estimated approximately \$4,000 to restore the pavilion's electrical system and return the facility to code-compliant condition.
- The committee recognized the cost savings achieved through the city's investment in a new bucket truck. Last year 25 trees were removed, resulting in an estimated savings of \$25,000 by completing the work in-house. To date this year, the guys have removed 10 trees, with approximately 15 additional removals scheduled, that will continue to generate significant operational savings.
- The committee discussed the continued evaluation of public alleys throughout the city to identify those that no longer serve a public purpose. Staff will continue reviewing alley locations and, where appropriate, pursue the formal process necessary to vacate and close unused alleys.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Submitted by:

Gayle Glumac – Chairman