

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. Absent was Tim Emrick and Dan Smock. Also present were Chief Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Donny Neal, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Sandy Bowles

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Brad Davis, second by Joe Butler, to approve Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West has been working on inspections and stickers for side-by-sides. Brad asked if the city had signs in town for golf carts. Matt thought having signs coming into town would be nice. Tony said they have been working with the body cameras. They are not required to have them until 2025.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** The emulsion tank is in and set in place. Matt said they had ordered a catwalk for it but now they do not need it. The company bought it back. He has done some ditch work as well as odds and ends around the shop. Mayor would like to Matt to get a plan to him as soon as possible on what he would like to do at Frazier Park.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the treasurer report.

New Business:

Dee Howard spoke on the Historic Site program. She sent the council members some examples of ordinances to become Historic Site. There are some tax incentives to help restore buildings. There are guidelines as to what can be done to the buildings. Debra May just finished a grant for the EDPB. The city has to say whether they want it or not.

Dee then spoke on the EDPB update from their last meeting. She stated The Market on the Hill is struggling to stay open. They are talking about closing a couple days a week. The city has given them money to help them out, but they think it's time to say no more. Shea Campanella is also helping them out.

The EDPB is also helping get things for the After School Program as well as the Summer Program since the YMCA is not affiliated with it. Council wanted to know if the school board is on board with the program being run at the school. Dee said they are on board but treading carefully. She asked Megan Jones if she is prepared if the school wanted to charge rent. She said she is. Megan is DCFS certified and is going to check on funding for families who cannot afford to send their kids.

Rise Broadband would like a building permit to install optic fiber throughout the town. Several things will have to happen before that. Mayor said the company is anxious to get it going. They have installed their fiber optics in Maroa, and they are happy with the work Rise has done. Jordan wants to make sure they know they are responsible for any kind of damage that they do. Mayor thinks it would be good to have some competition.

Old Business:

Other Business: Carriage house has sold the end of December. Tony has been in contact with the new owner letting them know the city is concerned with safety issues of the property. Vinegar Hill has also been sold and the new owner will be put on notice of the safety issues there as well.

Public Comments:

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk