

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, October 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: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. Also present were Chief, Tony West, and Dee Howard

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Mike Chandler, Amanda Scattergood, and Sandy Bowles

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported he has been checking on cameras for the town. He has a young man interested in becoming an officer. He would have to go to the academy for 9 months. The cost is \$7,400 which is more than the other guys that have gone, but he would be full time when he's finished. Officer West would like to help him out, but he needs to know that he would be expected to stay for an extended time. He doesn't want to keep sending people through and they leave. He is from around here and was a Boy Scout. Aaron has gone through but he's part time due to him having a full-time job. He has been working 4 hours a day since August. Mayor Bobell would like to have something in writing that says that anyone going through the academy must stay a period with the city.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reported the street signs are 99% done. Fall is coming so he will be getting a schedule out for leaf pick up. The fencing at Frazier Park is completed. The advertisement for demolition bids for Vinegar Hill should be out tomorrow. He will also advertise for bids on roofing for all the city hall buildings. John Aylesworth asked is there was a time frame for the Nixon Building next to it. Mayor said it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Kate Davis said someone asked her about street sweeping. Matt said they only sweep the concrete streets.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: There are several places in town that need to be fixed from the installation of the fiber optics in town. Paula been getting pictures to Jordan Klein. Mayor wants to have a sit down with Rise before sending a letter. It's too hard to tell which company is responsible for damages and who left it undone. Matt Presswood is sure someone from Rise would come for a meeting.

New Business: The Business District has two grants that have been turned in. One is for the Market on the Hill. Amanda Scattergood was present on their behalf. She would like an espresso machine and a new cooler. She said there is a demand for bougie coffee. They could open early in the morning and hit teachers and other people going to work. Amanda would eventually like to add breakfast sandwiches and a hub for coffee drinkers. She also feels people could grab a coffee and walk around downtown. The other part of the grant is to replace the present cooler that is not working well. The new cooler would enable them to get more produce and keep it longer, cutting out an extra trip to replenish it.

The other grant is for a new garage door for 4CL Investments, LLC. He is requesting reimbursement of \$5,000 for the door he had installed at his business. Sean feels that is too much money for that size of door and that he should have asked before not after the fact. After more discussion Mayor Bobell would like the owner to come to the next meeting for clarity. Dee will be in contact with him.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Business District grant number 115 & 116 – 115 up to \$600.00 and 116 up to \$1,400.00 for Market on the Hill. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Bobell would like to put Massie & Massie on the agenda for the next meeting due to some things missing in the contract.

Public Comments: Mike Chandler addressed the council expanding on things he discussed at the last meeting.

Executive Session: Motion by Kate Davis, second by John Aylesworth, to exit regular session and enter executive session for discussion of Personnel. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Hagenbuch, second by John Aylesworth, to exit executive session and re-enter regular session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve raises as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Brad Davis, second by John Aylesworth to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk