

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. Also present were the Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Mary Woolen, Michael Murphy, and Michelle Hagenbuch

Mayor Bobell allowed Mary Woolen and Michael Murphy, from Connexus/Metro, to speak now so they could be on their way. Mary gave the council brochures on the company. Connexus is based out of Sullivan, IL, where the owners are from. They have been providing quality fiber infrastructures across Illinois since 2000. Mary also stated they have people going door to door to give residents information on their product not to push it on them. They want to give back to the community by donating money to different organizations. Connexus/Metro will have a booth at 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Reports by Officers**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported:  
An Ordinance Violation that is going to court soon, and another one for trash in the yard. The grade school and the high school had a lockdown drill this week. It all went well. Sean McCormick asked if once golf carts are inspected can they then have a 2–5-year renewal? Current insurance needs to be turned in every year and let them know if a new driver has been added. Mayor Bobell will check to see if the ordinance states every year.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reported renting equipment for tree trimming. One tree will have to be hired to be cut down due to the height of it. Lightning struck a tree and fell on Joe Lucas' house. There is an \$8-12,000 insurance claim. His homeowner's insurance should cover it.  
Dee Howard asked about tree planting. Matt said he hasn't heard from the nursery. Demolition of Vinegar Hill started today. Craig Eimer has contacted City Hall concerning if something happened to his building during the process who would pay for it. Matt assured him the city would cover whatever happens.

John Aylesworth asked about the hole in the concrete on the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson St, and the post sticking out in front of the old carpet store on Jefferson. Kate Davis inquired about who is responsible for the big holes in the parking lot at the Legion Hall. Matt stated it's the Legions' responsibility. Randy Hagenbuch asked if the city knew there was an old cistern behind Vinegar Hill. Matt replied, the city doesn't always know where they are.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer's report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Jaren Industries, Inc is requesting a change of order to be made for the work at 104 S. Washington Street. After the demo had started there was a snag with the basement not going as far as they thought. The change will include the installation of a 20-foot block wall, measuring approximately 7 feet in height, using rebar and Durawire as reinforcement. The total cost of the change is \$8,500.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to approve 104 Change of Order Request in the amount of \$8,500.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

The city has received a quote on the cost of extending a sidewalk on Vine Street from Chestnut St to the BP gas station. If it's put on the east side the cost would be \$103,499.00 compared to \$177,012.00 on the west side. The money can come from the TIF fund.

Darrin Blaum would like his sidewalk to go across the boulevard. It must be moved to connect with the current walk so it's centered. His walk was damaged when a tree had to be removed.

**Other Business:** Sean McCormick as if he could get a copy of EDPB minutes. Dee said they are on the website. He wanted to know if money was used from EDPB to pay for equipment for the Athletic Association. It was paid for by community funds.

**Public Comments:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday will be May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm. The theme is Magic. Live music will be by Jason Bassett.

**Executive Session:**

**Adjourn:** Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Ed Anderson, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk

