

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, August 26, 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: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Ed Anderson, and John Aylesworth. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Treasurer, Dee Howard. Absent was Sean McCormick.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Mitch Hardiek and Chris Neaville

Mitch Hardiek, of Milano and Grunloh gave an update of the Safe Route to School (SRTS) project. Plans are being finalized now. Phase II plans are due by October 18, 2025.

After some discussion the decision was made to run the sidewalk from the high school to the north side of Wayne Street up to Zion Lutheran School which will then connect all the schools and miss the square. With work being done on Vine Street next summer Mayor Bobell asked if they should do the street first or the sidewalks. Mitch advised the street first.

Mitch stated they can help with any other projects and can also help with the grants. Matt Presswood suggested storm drains.

Chris Neaville is interested in abandoned property by him. He offered to pay to have it surveyed if the city would vacate it. Mayor Bobell said the city should pay for the survey. Chris wants to put solar panels on the property before the incentives go away December 31st. He asked if the city would lease it to him. Mayor Bobell said no to leasing the property and to sit tight on surveying. He will speak with Jordan Klein first.

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

Public Comments, Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported he has been working on Ordinance Violations of grass and weeds at the following locations:

219 N. Marion St

405 W. Morgan St

417 E. Cooke St

218 N. Spring St.
Railroad Crossings

August 18, 2025 Accident State Route 121 at 674th Street- Failure to reduce to avoid accident.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reported they're working on streets, signage, fencing for crowd control at the Fall Festival, the pole on the square, and some ditch and culvert work. Mayor Bobell asked if Chief West was able to get overnight security for the Fall Festival. He replied no one has replied from the county.
- - **Treasurer Report:** Dee gave the treasurer report.

Old Business:

New Business: Business District Appropriations need money moved to the General Fund to pay for outstanding bills for additional expenses from demolitions.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Business District Appropriations for \$28,975.15 additional expenses for demolition to General Fund. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Ed Anderson, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Ameren has a program with LED lights they are replacing regular bulbs with. The city already has LED lights, but Chief West would like to replace lighting at the police station. The offer ends December 31st.

Kate Davis is concerned for the safety of kids crossing the street at the library. With increasing number of programs at the library, they are getting more people coming in. Rolling stops are a concern for the safety of kids. They are looking for any options to help keep everyone safe. Matt Presswood thought flashing solar lights or cameras. Chief West will look into speed signs along Washington Street.

Potholes in the streets are getting to be a problem. Kate feels there needs to be a cleaner way to report potholes. She asked how they determine which holes get fixed first. Matt said they are prioritized by size. He said they have gotten behind working on bigger projects in town. The cold patch only lasts about a month or two but he's looking at other products that last longer. Emulsion only works on asphalt better. The alleys behind John and Kate washes away every time it rains, and the only solution is asphalt it, but the machine won't fit down the alley. Kate asked if they could rent an oil & chipper. Matt said yes.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk