

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

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

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by John Aylesworth, to approve Brad Davis as Mayor Pro-temp. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. Answering nay was John Aylesworth. Motion carried.

Brad Davis then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kate Davis, second by Ed Anderson, 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, Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported:
221 S. Washington St. -aggravated battery case- referred to SA
412 N Garden St- property dispute over fence installation
521 S. Spring St- Nuisance Ordinance, discarded items on property
313 N Washington St- Grass and Weeds Ordinance. After a few attempts to contact owner of property Murahomes with no response. He set up a time to meet online and received a phone call after he sat up the time. He spoke with the owners and provided them with photographs of the tall grass and weeds and gave them information on local lawn care services. The lawn was recently mowed.
316 S. Marion St- there was a tax sell that ended Friday, June 11, 2025. He reached out to the County Clerk's Office to see if there was a contract for 313 S. Marion St. The clerk said the last deed filed was Monday, June 9, 2025 from Logan County Clerk's office to Logan County Trustee. Since then, there have not been any other recordings.

- Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reports they cleaned up the trees that were cut down at the grade school. They will be replacing some of the sidewalk in front of the school. He is looking into other avenues for the streets and get away from oil and chip. Maybe asphalt 2-3 streets at a time and keep up every 5 years. Brad would like to get some prices on the asphalt. Matt will start spraying for mosquitos tonight. John wanted to know if he had enough dumpsters for the junk drive. Matt stated they did good but could use a few more next year. Maybe get twelve and put eight at the town shed and the rest at the city shed. The gate at the sewer pond was hit by a dump truck taking trees out there. Matt said the city will put one up closer to where the city dumps. With the Fall Festival coming up the question came up about the electrical outlets on the pole by the beer tent being fixed or not. Matt said where it splits up higher is on Ameren.
- Treasurer Report:** Dee gave the treasurer report.

Old Business: Sean McCormick asked about the property at 219 N. Marion St with the boulevard being a mess. Chief West said he is working on it and there is an ordinance for that.

Sean also asked what was going on with Mick Cyrulik and the cemetery in town. Dee Howard said he wants to take the shed where the county has its equipment and turn it into a chapel. He wants a new entrance and a parking area. Money is not an issue, he said. Mick has been told to get a presentation together and ask to be put on the agenda. So far, he has not done anything.

New Business: The Mt. Pulaski Township Historical Society & Museum has submitted an application to have some tuck-pointing work done on their buildings. The total cost of the project is between \$15,000-\$18,500. The Tomlinson Trust Fund has given them \$10,000. They are asking for \$5,000-\$8,500. Mary Ann said they will be using Schneider's Masonry. They could not get any more bids due to the job being either to small or to far away.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by John Aylesworth to approve Business District Grant-Mt. Pulaski Township Historical Society & Museum up to \$8,500. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

Mary Teike, owner of Creative House, has submitted an application for a new furnace. The estimated cost is \$3,000. Jim Irish will be doing the work. She is asking for up to \$1,500.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Sean McCormick, to approve Business District Grant – Creative House for furnace up to \$1,500. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: Dee Howard states that the EDPB feels they have supported Market on the Hill this long and they are not ready to give up now. She said they may move to the FarmFed building as they will be needing a big place. MOH has been working from there for baked goods.

Sean McCormick asked what the difference in rent would be, she said not much. She said they are using regular household ovens. Matt Presswood asked why they would buy residential when they are trying to be commercial. Dee said people want more baked goods, coffee, etc. and not many groceries. They have been dropping in sales since the hours have been cut back. Kate Davis suggested not carrying the groceries. Dee said they do not need to because they are not losing much, just cut back some. Kate said we are pouring more money into something that is not profitable and where do you draw the line? She thinks we are at that point. Dee stated that the EDPB will be donating \$40,000 to them. Some council members asked about going to one of MOH's meetings but since they are a private entity there are no open meetings.

Public Comments: Non Agenda – August's 2nd Friday of the Month's theme will be Mini 500. They are buying trademarks for movies.

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk