

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, June 10, 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: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. Also present were: Chief of Police, Tony West, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair and Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Brad Davis, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and May Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. 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. He has been working on a sexual harassment case a couple of weeks ago. Chief West went to talk to a guy who he thinks may have started the fires at the storage shed. He happens to be in jail and refuses to talk to him. Chief West tracked down his girlfriend who said she was not with him that night, so he does not have any proof it was him yet.
John Aylesworth asked if he had gotten the AED ordered yet and said if he has any questions to let him know.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood was absent, but Mayor Bobell reported they are working on trees and potholes. IAW will be having a meeting in June to go over plans. Mayor Bobell and Matt Presswood will be going to the meeting. Brad Davis asked why they are putting the water main down the middle of Vine Street. Mayor Bobell stated they need to maintain water supply during construction.
Ed Anderson asked if they will be seal coating this year. Mayor Bobell was not sure if they had money for it this year. The Durapatcher will not work for that so it would have to be hired out.
- **Treasurer Report:** Dee gave the treasurer report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pamela Erlenbush did not attend the meeting. Mayor Bobell stated Paula sent a letter out for the new trees planted. They will go with Hilltop Nursery again for the next round of trees purchased. Paula stated the trees were paid for in November, delivered on May 6th, and planted in two-three days. Some are not doing so well but there is a one-year guarantee on them.

Monies for the demolition of 104 S. Washington and Vinegar Hill needed moved to the Business District Funds. This does not include the cost of shoring up the wall.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by John Aylesworth, to approve Demo of 104 S. Washington and Vinegar Hill -Business District Funds – Jaren Industries \$86,000 and JA Shroyer Group \$128,500 – Total \$214,500.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

The Phoenix Fire Department is asking for a donation toward he fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Fireworks Donation to Phoenix Fire Department - \$6,000 from the General Fund. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, and Brad Davis. Abstain: John Aylesworth. Motion carried.

Other Business: FarmFED will have their ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00p.m. during 2nd Friday on the Square this weekend.

Mayor Bobell had a phone conversation with Ameren regarding grant funding for charging stations. There is one person in town that is interested in getting them. The meeting will be held June 17th at 4:00pm.

John Aylesworth commented on how nice the ballpark looks. He wants to know if they are still planning to put up a new building. Matt Presswood contacted an engineer, and they want \$90,000 in fees to draw them up. Jodi Deibert has the plans from the building at Veteran's Park that is close to what they would like to put up. Matt Presswood is to check and see if the engineers would use those for a lesser fee. The building will be fully blocked. Mayor Bobell would also like more of an overhang so people can get under when it rains. Dee Howard said the EDPB has been rolling over their money waiting on them to move forward. As for a batting cage, they are looking at around \$80,000 for one. The city will not pay that much for one. The city can put a 2-bay cage reusing the netting, concrete, and turf doing most of the work themselves.

Public Comments: The theme for 2nd Friday on the Square is Rodeo with the Community Band playing from 6-7:00pm and Tyler White playing from 7-9:00pm weather permitting.

Executive Session: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session for discussion of Pending Litigation. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Ed Anderson, to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action taken.

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk