

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, September 23, 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: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present were: Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:**

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

**Public Comments:**

**Reports by Officers**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reports: Fall Festival 2025 went well with no issues. 2-vehicle accident in the 200<sup>th</sup> block of East Jasper- no injuries, only property damage Assisted Logan County Sheriff Deputies locating a possible suicidal subject in town. Picked up the new 2025 Ford Explorer  
The Dodge Charger squad is now decommissioned

Chief West signed up to be a seller at Govdeals.com, this is where municipalities can sell any vehicle, equipment, or just about anything. This website has many bidders over the U.S. and Canada. There are no fees to the seller, the buyer pays for all fees, taxes, and shipping. I want to sell emergency equipment from our Dodge Charger and possibly the Charger. Brad Davis questioned if it must be auctioned and not a set price. Mayor Bobell replied yes, it must be auctioned. Sean McCormick stated they can put a reserve on it.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reported the focus lately had been on the Fall Festival. The changes they made this year have been positive. Power supply boxes are done, permanent poles with independent weatherproof boxes. Matt said they will need new spreader boxes for salt before winter. He wants a spreader box that will do chip rock also. The cost would be \$9,400 per truck installed. Since the spreader is adjustable and can match the width of the truck, a spinner is not necessary. They will be getting the leaf truck ready as well.  
Matt would like to thank Jon and Will Stewart for all their help with the soap box derby. Milano and Grunloh are working on grants for storm sewer drains.

At the last meeting council discussed purchasing a wheel excavator to replace the backhoe. Mayor Bobell suggested the best option is to purchase it outright and not do a lease. They will use the backhoe as a trade-in. He also wants Matt to get prices on the attachments they want.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Justin Cheger, of Stone River Group, was present to speak on municipal aggregation for electricity. The city opted for it a few years ago due to not wanting to force the community into it. He is back to see if the city is interested in joining for the next term. Stone River negotiates prices to get the cheapest rate and then locks it in for the length of the contract. If joining, letters from Constellation will be sent out to inform eligible Ameren customers of the new rate and the term. The letter would also provide instructions on how to opt out of the program. Ameren customers can join at any time during the term and exit without any fees. If an account drops off they will have to stay with Ameren for 12 months.

Appropriations 2025-26 was sent out to all council for review before being approved. Mayor Bobell asked if there were any questions. Matt Presswood asked if the spreader was added. Dee said she raised streets/alleys- Capital Outlay equipment increase from \$215,000 to \$250,000.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Appropriations 2025-26 with changes made as presented. Changes will be in minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Stop signs will be ordered for the corner of Harry and Washington. They will be solar powered flashing signs.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Purchase of Traffic Control Improvements up to Amount of \$5,000.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Mick Cyrulik has asked to address the council regarding an idea he has for the sexton building at the cemetery. The city owns the building which has been there for 80 years, so it has some historic factors. He would like to see it turn into a chapel for families to gather and Memorial Day services. He got the building cleaned out and it seems structurally sound. The next step would be to get prices but if the city isn't going to approve it, he feels that it is a waste of time. He wants to fix the walls, new windows, and add bathrooms to the west side. Pat Lipp asked who would pay for it. Mick replied, the city would have some responsibility and the EDPB will give money. She asked how many people it would hold, he said 25. Pat is opposed to the chapel due to her father being buried on the left of the building. Mayor Bobell stated the public opinion and cost are factors in the decision. John Aylesworth said termites are a concern. Brad Davis is in

favor of making it look nice. Mayor said if the building needs attention, then we need to do something. There was a suggestion to open Marion Street to the cemetery, but both Randy Hagenbuch and Sean McCormick expressed concerns about increased traffic using the road to reach Elkhart Blacktop.

Lisa Brown thanked the city for the demolition of Vinegar Hill. She has concerns of two houses near her that are deteriorating, 200 E Wayne St and 222 S Lafayette St. Lisa said the house at 221 has been empty for 10 years and the roof is starting to collapse. There are several stray cats and other animals getting in the house and garage at both buildings. She has tried to contact the owner, but she will not answer. Lisa wants to know if there is an ordinance for abandoned buildings. Mayor said there is an ordinance for unsafe buildings, but there is nothing you can do for an abandoned building. Taxes on them have been paid for the last two years. Mayor said it's time to move forward on condemning 221 S Lafayette. He would like to add the one on Marion & Dekalb as well as the one on McDonald Street.

**Other Business:** Illinois American Water has begun construction with no traffic control needed yet. Matt Presswood said they are going down the side of the road instead of the middle.

**Public Comments -Non-Agenda:** Michelle Hagenbuch extended thanks to the city for all the hard work for Fall Festival. It was another successful year.

#### **Executive Session:**

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk