

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, September 9, 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, Dee Howard, Treasurer, and City Attorney, Jordan Klein. Absent was Matt Presswood, Director of Public Works

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests:

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and August 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:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reports:
Ordinance Violations of tall grass at 502 N Garden St, 524 N Garden St, and 417 E Cooke St.
South Garden St, a death investigation- the person was not deceased
Three separate FOIA requests this week
Chief West will be picking up the new squad car tomorrow
- **Director of Public Works:** Josh Poffenbarger gave the report due to Matt being absent. They have been working on getting stuff ready for the Fall Festival. They made some new concrete blocks and will retire the old ones. Snow fencing will be put up around the bounce houses with one way in and out. After the Fall Festival they'll start working on streets again.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer report. Mayor Bobell asked council to look over the Appropriations and if they have any questions to contact Dee before the next meeting so it can be approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: At the August 26th meeting Chris Neaville inquired about vacating an easement by him. Mayor Bobell said he would have Jordan Klein, city attorney, check into it. Jordan explained tonight there are 5 streets with easements: S. Vine St, S. Parke Ave, S. Kentucky Ave,

S. Illinois Ave, and S. Marion Ave. Before an ordinance is drawn up, they will have to be surveyed.

Bob Thurman from Luby Equipment was present to give more information on the wheeled excavator the city is looking into buying. Springfield has purchased one and will be adding more. Our city workers are welcome to go and try it out. Josh said the tilt rotator with a 360-degree rotation will be a game changer for narrow or dead-end streets. There are several attachments that can be added. Bob said they can purchase it and become a lease, but Mayor Bobell and council members would rather just purchase it outright. He would like prices on attachments and the warranty before any purchase is made. It will take 45-60 days for it to come in. They will install what we want and teach them how to use the machine.

The approval of the resolution for safe routes to school is standard procedure. The engineering fees are not included in the resolution.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Sean McCormick to approve the Resolution-IL Safe Routes to School Grant Program. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: Kate Davis would like Justin from Stone River Group to come to the next meeting and speak on electric aggregation. She stated he helped them at the library getting the cheapest rate around. Mayor Bobell said the city opted out of going with them due to the town not being able to opt out before, but he is welcome to come back again.

Kate passed out a handout of speed signs Matt Presswood had given her. She would like something at the four-way stop at the library. We will revisit when Matt is here.

Public Comments -Non-Agenda: Fall Festival is this weekend. IAW began staggging for water works, everything has been located. John Aylesworth stated Gene Schoth told him the school has not been contacted yet. They have 14 days to start digging or relocate again Josh said.

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk