The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations; attracting and developing new businesses; and improving and upgrading infrastructure.

Minutes

Date: May 13, 2026

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: Longview Community Center, 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski, IL 62548

1) Call to Order: Andrew called the May 13th meeting to order at 6:18 pm
2) Roll Call: Present were Andrew Meister, Tracy Pulliam, Erin Wyss, Doug Johnson, Tiffany Justice, and Administrator Deanna Howard. Correy Leonard and Benjamin Butler were absent.
3) Introduction of guests: Jessica Jason, Rick Volle, Isabell Vidal, Kaitlyn Weitecamp, Sarah Thompson, Jeanie Beccue.
4) Approval of Consent Agenda, including payments and minutes: **Tracy motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Erin seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Tiffany-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**
5) Treasurer's Report: Deanna presented the treasurer's report.
6) Old Business:
   a) Market on the Hill: The guests listed above are all members of the Market on the Hill board and attended to discuss the long-term plans for the Market. They listed their top five goals: consistency in processes and stocking, employee training, upgrading the vegetable cooler to prevent loss, streamlining processes to increase efficiency, and focusing on items not available at Dollar General.
   b) Don Maxheimer's application: Don has not submitted his amended application yet.
7) New Business:
   a) Building Donation-Tom Martin has someone wanting to donate property. They are not ready to move forward yet.
   b) Industry Fitness Application: **Tracy motioned to approve the AED for Industry Fitness in the amount of $1695.00 under budget line 02-402, and the motion was seconded by Doug. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Tiffany-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

c) Boy Scout Donation: Deann presented the application for the Boy Scouts to purchase tools for their community service projects. **Erin motioned to donate $2000 to the BSA Troop 122 to help them purchase the necessary tools and to purchase snacks and drinks, with the request that the funds be used locally as much as possible from 02-402. Tracy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Tiffany-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

d) Community Garden-Erin presented an application to cover expenses for the community garden. Erin estimated that the annual cost not covered by the plot fees is around $600 and explained that Greg Maus helps with maintenance. **Doug motioned that we support the community garden project with a donation of $1000 from 02-402. Tiffany seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-abstain, Doug-aye, Tiffany-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

e) Mt Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department-Fireworks: The fire department has applied for funds to pay for the yearly fireworks display. **Erin motioned that we approve the donation request from the Mt Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department with $6136 coming out of budget item 02-401 and $3864 from 02-402 for a total of $10,000 for the 250th 4th of July fireworks show. Tiffany seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Tiffany-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

f) Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget: Erin presented the proposed budget and discussed the changes she made. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8) Other Business/Non-Agenda Items: Deanna clarified that Business District Funds can be used outside of the business district if the project stimulates sales tax income. She also noted that the city is working on purchasing back taxes on some of the local dilapidated properties to take possession of them and clear the buildings.

9) Executive Session: none

10) Next Meeting: June 10, 2026, 6:15 PM

11) Adjournment: Tracy motioned to adjourn, and Erin seconded the motion. All present voted “aye,” and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm