

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The American Legion  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips and Dan Smock. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West and Deputy Public Works Director Josh Poffenbarger. Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Marla Blair, Joe Butler, Steve Dinger, Michelle Hagenbuch, Deeanna Howard, Crystal Kern, Kim Martin, Greg Maus, Pamela Erlenbush, Donny Neal, Willie Rentmeister, Sr. and [Wyatt Waterkotte](#)

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Dan Smock, second by Brad Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items, Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried

**Public Comments - Agenda items only:**

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West had some repairs getting done on the squad car. And he has issued a couple of ordinance violations.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** There was lengthy discussion with Deputy Director Poffenbarger about the various equipment quotes for the skid steer, attachments & a trailer. Mayor Bobell said he'd entertain a motion to approve the purchase of the skid steer (\$66000) + attachments (\$48944), total = \$114,944. Motion by Kate Davis and a second by Darin Phillips. Roll call vote, all answered aye. Motion passes.

Regarding the trailer quotes, Mayor Bobell said he'd entertain a motion to approve the purchase of the trailer for \$8163. Motion by Darin Phillips and a second by Randy Hagenbuch. Roll call vote, all answered aye. Motion passes.

Deputy Director Poffenbarger also stated they started trimming trees on Vine St. & Harry St., and the clean would happen later this week.

- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer report. And the IL Funds account is all set up.

**Old Business:**

- **Golf Cart Ordinance:** Mayor Bobell asked Alderman Smock for an update. Alderman Smock stated there is nothing new for now, because City Attorney Jordan Klein was tied up on a

different case. The basic changes would be to allow driving at night and to allow for Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV).

#### **New Business:**

- **Resolution to sell City assets – 02’ Dodge Ram Pickup:** Mayor Bobell stated he’d entertain a motion to Resolve in selling the 02’ Dodge Ram Pickup, is hereby in the best interest of the City. Motion by Alderman Smock and second by Alderman Hagenbuch. All in favor say Aye. All answered Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **Resolution to sell City assets – 05’ Chevy Pickup Truck / 2500:** Mayor Bobell stated he’d entertain a motion to Resolve in selling the 05’ Chevy Pickup Truck, is hereby in the best interest of the City. Motion by Alderman Smock and second by Alderman Phillips. All in favor say Aye. All answered Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **Resolution to sell City assets – 03’ Rettig Enclosed trailer/double axle:** Mayor Bobell stated he’d entertain a motion to Resolve in selling the 03’ Rettig Enclosed trailer/double axle, is hereby in the best interest of the City. Motion by Alderman Kate Davis and second by Alderman Smock. All in favor say Aye. All answered Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **Open sealed bids – 02’ Dodge Ram pickup:** There were 2 sealed bids received at City Hall for the 02’ Dodge Ram pickup. Kevin Hild’s bid was \$360 and Chase Miller’s bid was \$300. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to accept the \$360 bid. Alderman Brad Davis made a motion to accept the bid of \$360 and a second by Alderman Hagenbuch. All in favor say Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **General Penalty:** There is no update on this issue per Mayor Bobell. Mayor Bobell stated the City attorney Jordan Klein was tied up on a Federal case and we’ll wait on his advice and update at the next meeting. Reach out to Mayor Bobell privately if you have any questions.
- **Business District Appropriation:** There were 3 grants presented to the City Council for approval. There was lengthy discussion on all the grants and at times things got a little tense, Mayor Bobell stated, “keep order please during the meeting”.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> grant was from Topper RV & Marine for \$10,000 for marketing. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to approve the Topper RV grant for up to \$10,000. Alderman Phillips made the motion, a second by Alderman B. Davis. Roll call vote: Aye’s = Alderman Phillips, Alderman B. Davis, Alderman K. Davis, Alderman Hagenbuch. Nay’s = Alderman Emrick and Alderman Smock. Motion passes.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> grant was from Market on the Hill for \$12,000 for a market makeover. Per Kim Martin, the feedback from the community was to offer more affordable products in the market. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion for the Market on the Hill to approve the grant for up to \$12,000. Motion by Alderman Smock and second by Alderman Hagenbuch. Roll call vote: Aye’s = Aldermen B. Davis, K. Davis, Hagenbuch, Phillips and Smock. Nay vote = Alderman Emrick. Motion passes.  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> grant was from the Community Association for \$1000 to beautify the flowerpots around the square. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to approve the Community Association grant for up to \$1000. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to approve the Community Association \$1000. Motion by Alderman B. Davis and second by Alderman Smock. Roll call vote: All Aye’s. No Nay’s. Motion passes.
- **Willie Rentmeister, Sr. – S. Spring St. complaint:** Mr. Rentmeister, Sr. had concerns about the junk, etc. at the location in the 500 block of S. Spring. Police Chief West has talked to the homeowners and contacted Attorney Jordan Klein regarding ordinance violations that were issued last November. Chief West was to send the code information to the Mayor and Council for review to get everyone on the same page.

**Other Business:** Alderman Phillips said he'd prepare a solid waste / recycling survey, after the bids are opened at the April 26 Council meeting to send to the residents of Mt. Pulaski, which would be very general basic survey, non-binding sending via mass email or available at City Hall.

There was also a lot of discussion involving Dee Howard with EDPB and the City Council, on how they can they keep the City up to date on the EDPB decisions on grants, summarizing grants presented to the EDPB then forwarding that information on to the Council. Through further discussion, Mayor Bobell told Dee it would be a great idea to add the EDPB minutes to the City's website via the EDPB contact page. Dee and Paula have touched base on a few different issues, but we're trying to keep moving in the right direction.

**Public Comments-Non-Agenda items:** Pamela Erlenbush requested on behalf of Boyscout Troop # 122, from the Council to approve mulch for the mural area at the corner of Washington St. & Jefferson. Mayor Bobell said that should be okay to purchase @ 10-12 bags of mulch from Johnson's and Josh Poffenbarger could get that and deliver to this location. Mayor stated he trusted everyone's judgement on the amount of mulch needed.

**Executive Session:** Possible Litigation will be discussed at the next Council meeting since Attorney Jordan Klein was absent.

**Adjourn:**

- Motion by Alderman Smock, seconded by Alderman Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion passed.

Submitted by: Paula Holcomb