

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Bobell, Alderman Emrick, Knauer, Maxheimer, Neaville, Palmquist and Rentmeister, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, Chief of Police Tony West, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth

Absent: City Attorney Jordan Klein

Recognition of Guests: Sam VanRheeden

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Bobell presided. Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**; Claims and accounts and the minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Tony stated inoperable vehicles are being checked on. Everything is going good.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt Presswood stated patch work has been started. He has switched suppliers, the patch is more expensive but more durable.

Matt stated they have been working through meter repairs.

Matt has been in contact with Joe Lucas for tree work. Matt would like to rent a tree lift to get all the tree work done.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$19,065.64. Tricia presented a preliminary budget and asked the council to look over this and let her know of any changes.

Old Business: Justin Reese with the Farnsworth Group gave a sewer **force main update** stating that the CN Rail Road is requiring a full new process. An extension was submitted but there were around 14 exemptions with the response. They have not stated they would not do it but it appears they will not. Justin spoke about two (2) alternatives; lining the existing pipeline or jack and bore a new casing. If the jack and bore option is chosen then the City would be out of the Rail Road's easement but it is the more expensive route. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Emrick to direct Justin Reese to go forward with the process of jacking and boring a new casing. Roll Call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Justin Reese will submit the proper paper work to the CN Rail Road.

New Business: Alderman Emrick stated the annual TIF joint review meeting was held and the amount of funds in the TIF account was discussed. Alderman Emrick reconciled the account and stated it is truly at a zero point in the fund. There is two (2) years left to pay and the **lifespan of the TIF** is coming to an end.

Rick Volle stated he attended the annual **TIF** review meeting on behalf of the fire district. Rick suggested extending the TIF another 12 years as there are still projects that need to be addressed. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to consult Daniel for his services to get started with the Economic Advisory Board. Roll Call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the **water loan lump sum payment** was discussed at the previous meeting as it was recommended by the water/sewer committee. Alderman Neaville stated last year a payment was made and it was budgeted to make the lump sum payment again this year. Alderman Emrick stated a true balance has not been given from the account and once the numbers are reliable and ironed out he would feel more comfortable applying this payment.

Other Business: Alderman Emrick stated that recommendations made by the committee's need to be brought to the council and voted on.

Alderman Neaville stated once the accounts have been reconciled the account transfers can be done automatically.

Mayor Bobell stated he met with an **internet** provider to discuss getting **WIFI** for the town square. There would be minimal cost. The equipment would be purchased at cost. A proposal is being worked on.

Mayor Bobell stated the City can refinance the balloon with **Caterpillar Financial** if that was the route the council wanted to go. Matt Presswood stated he would like to keep the backhoe as it is utilized for many projects.

Building inspector, Greg Maus stated the **rental inspections** are going good.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to adjourn the meeting. All voting yea—the motion carried.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk