

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Bobell, City Attorney Jordan Klein, Alderman Davis, Emrick, Phillips and Rentmeister, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Chief of Police Tony West

Absent: Alderman Smock

Recognition of Guests: Justin Reese, Eric Emrick, Eric Larson, Mike Patridge and Richard Volle

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 Andy Meister, with Country Company Ins. has donated \$2,500.00 for IFAK kits for the classrooms.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt stated the leaf vac program is 99% complete. There was a setback do to a mechanical issue.

Matt stated the durapatcher machine is at City Hall.

Farnsworth Engineer, Justin Reese presented the proposed 2021 MFT resolution. Mayor Bobell will sign to close out the 2020 MFT program to un-obligate any unused funds so those funds will be available for 2021.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$708.48
Tricia presented the FY20 annual treasurer report.

Old Business:

New Business: Mayor Bobell stated there is no **business district appropriation** at this time.

City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated the changes to the building codes have to be published for thirty (30) days. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Emrick to approve the **resolution to prepare an ordinance to adopt new building codes**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated in order for the City to get any grant money from FEMA the City has to adopt a mitigation plan. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to approve the **resolution to approve the Logan County Hazard Mitigation Plan**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated a **certified letter was received from the Attorney General**. Mayor Bobell read the letter aloud to the council stating the Attorney General is going to pursue the violation in January from the nitrate levels were too high. A phone conference is set for January 6, 2021 at 11 am; attending will be City Attorney, Jordan Klein, Mayor Bobell and Director of Publics work, Matt Presswood.

After a discussion, the council has decided to enter into negotiation regarding the sale of the water/sewer system. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Phillips to **enter into negotiation with American Illinois water**. All voting yea, Nay –Maxheimer, the motion carried.

An email was sent out to all employees and all elected officials stating the **sexual harassment training** is to be completed by December 31, 2020. A certificate of completion will be kept on file at City Hall.

Mayor Bobell stated the \$25,000.00 **IMRF CD** has automatically renewed.

Mayor Bobell said thanks to all the employees and would like the City to give out **Christmas bonuses**. The fulltime employees will receive \$350.00 and the part time employees will receive \$150.00. A motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Christmas bonus of 350.00 for full time employees and \$150.00 for part time employees. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated with mitigations in place the City could not have its annual Christmas party. The City will instead pay for lunch on December 23, 2020. There will be a list of names at The Old Brick Yard.

Other Business:

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

Executive Session:

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk