

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
6:30pm

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

**Recognition of Guests:** Tom Martin, Roman Howe and Michael Moore

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 Neaville and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister 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:** Nothing to report
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt stated the opening bid for the water main extension to Herrin will be at 10:30 January 21, 2019.
- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$43,625.14

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Mayor Bobell stated he would like to make the following **committee appointments:**

**Street/Alley committee:** Neaville, Rentmeister  
**Water/Sewer committee:** Palmquist, Neaville  
**Finance committee:** Maxheimer, Emrick  
**Police committee:** Knauer, Rentmeister

A motion was made by Alderman Palmquist and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the following committee appointments. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the economic development planning board is requesting to have the board made up of seven (7) members instead of the five (5) members. An **ordinance change to the EDPB** will have to be made.

Tom Martin wanted to give a status report to the council on what is going with the economic development planning board. Tom stated the board is trying to have someone from the EDPB at the City council meetings. Tom stated the board is looking into purchasing properties. These would be at the approval of the council. The board is looking into getting a grocery store back into the community. They are looking into a co-op grocery store. The board has a business grant program that has granted about \$35,000.00 to date.

Mayor Bobell stated Alex Deppe contacted him for a **zoning request** for the area west of the Farmers restaurant on McDonald St. Alex Deppe purchased the property and is wanting to have a business there. The council is in agreement the property is zoned a business. Mayor Bobell will contact Alex and let him know he can go ahead with what he needs to do to get his business up and running.

Mayor Bobell stated there are four (4) properties that are zoned but do not pay corporate taxes. Will DeAndre has been working with Mayor Bobell. Mayor Bobell stated that Will suggested starting with the county courthouse by giving them the descriptions and it would tell whether the properties were annexed in. Mayor Bobell stated we need to get these **zoning confirmations and GIS planning** cleared up. City Attorney Jordan Klein will look into this matter of business.

Mayor Bobell stated the **zoning board** is short three (3) members. If any council members know of anyone that would be interested in the zoning board let Mayor Bobell know.

**Other Business:** Mayor Bobell stated the **website training** is set for January 11, 2019 from 10am –noon in Bloomington. All council members are invited to do this training.

Tom Martin stated there was a good turnout for the **community meeting** for the revitalization of the square. There were about 65 people in attendance.

Mayor Bobell stated an idea has been brought up about a **community newsletter** since the Times News is no longer being printed. The City will need to communicate with the residents. This maybe an option with it being a paid position.

**Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:** Roman Howe is a life scout working towards an Eagle Scout. He is attending the meeting as part of a requirement to achieve Eagle Scout.

Michael Moore with Serve Pro is wanting to discuss community involvement to help with teen suicide prevention. They are looking for someone from Mt. Pulaski to be on the board. The first board meeting is January 22, 2019 at 6pm in Clinton.

**Executive Session:**

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk