

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
6:30pm

Present: Pro Tem Mayor Maxheimer, City Attorney Jordan Klein, Alderman Emrick, Rentmeister and Smock, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Chief of Police Tony West

Absent: Mayor Bobell

Recognition of Guests: Tom Martin

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

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Smock 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:** Everything going good.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Lift station #2 rehab process is complete, back up and running at full capacity. Matt has been in contact with the insurance company.

The new pump has arrived for lift station #3. Install process will begin this week.

Culvert supplies are to be delivered at the end of the week. Machinery will be rented as the project will begin next week.

The permit fees have been sent to the CN Railroad.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$109,603.40

Tricia gave the 2020-2021 appropriations stating to let her know of any changes. City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated a notice of a special meeting would need to be published for the appropriations. The vote will take place at the regular council meeting following the special meeting.

Old Business: Logan County planning donation has been tabled at this time.

New Business: Grant applications will be reviewed quarterly now by the Economic advisory board. Grant applications were submitted from Johnson's true value hardware store for \$45,000.00, Mt. Pulaski Township historical museum for \$1,000.00, Hilltop club \$5,000.00, BP station for \$10,000.00, Bill Cavestani for \$3,500.00 and D'tails Dog grooming for \$3,500.00. A motion was made by Alderman

Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Smock to approve the **business district appropriation to the following listed above**. Roll call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Gerry Hartman an independent consultant was retained by the city. Gerry gave a summary of his findings and answered Aldermen questions. Gerry would recommend the council to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an RFP to get firm proposals. Gerry also recommended the council create an acquisition team. Gerry will have his complete report done for the council.

Water Rate increase proposal has been tabled at this time.

City treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth stated the **INB water tower loan** has matured. The city can refinance with the same payment for 13 months and it will be paid off in August 2021. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to extend the INB water tower loan for 13 months. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business: Pro tem Mayor Maxheimer has received phone calls about the way properties are looking in town. She is encouraging the Aldermen to go around their wards, look at properties and come back with suggestions on how we can improve properties.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session: No executive session is needed at this time.

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk