

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Matthew Bobell, Alderman Emerick, Maxheimer, Phillips and Smock, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Police Chief Tony West

Absent: Alderman Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests:

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Matthew Bobell presided.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Police Chief Tony West stated the department is following up with ordinance violations.

Water/ Sewer: Matt Presswood stated the community gardens water has been installed on the cities end.

The approval from CN Rail road has been received, once the paper work is sent back off for permits they can get started.

Lift station #3 is up and running at half capacity, there are still issues. Ogden Solutions was hired to do some repairs at lift station #2. Invoices have been sent into the insurance company to be paid for by the insurance company.

The building at the sewer pond was offered out to three (3) businesses. John Stewart's bid was accepted as it was the lowest bid.

Streets/Alleys: Matt Presswood stated some patch work has been done, and is anticipating MFT approval with getting projects lined up. The crew is still waiting on culverts to come in get the culvert project started.

Financing: Deposits to date: \$44,190.95

Mayor Bobell stated Sally Turner reached out to see if the city wanted to use her as a consultant again for the fee of approximately \$440.00. The council is in agreement to use Sally Turner. Mayor Bobell will be in contact with Sally.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the **bills** as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the consent agenda. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Bobell stated a bill from MR Wireless for the Wi-Fi on the square has been received and asked if this should be paid out of the business district appropriation as this is consistent

with the plan. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Phillips to make a **business district appropriation** for \$2,500.00 for MR Wireless. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated he has been in contact with Eric from **E.J. Waters and the assessment** is not complete at this time.

Mayor Bobell stated an e-mail was sent in regards to Hartman Consultant. A consultant would come to Mt. Pulaski, meet and answer questions for \$7,500.00. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Emrick to enter into a **letter of engagement with Hartman Consultant** for \$7,500.00. Roll Call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated he would like to **appoint Josh Poffenbarger to the deputy public works director**. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to accept the appointment of Josh Poffenbarger as deputy public works director. Roll Call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the **Logan County Animal Control contract** is due. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to enter into the Logan County Animal control contract. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the **Logan County planning donation** has been tabled at this time.

The council is in agreement for a new sign for the athletic association for a quote of \$350.00.

The awning at City Hall needs some repairs. It will cost about \$1,500.00 to get a new awning. Mayor Bobell will get an official quote.

Mayor Bobell stated Paula would like another filing cabinet for City Hall for \$500.00. The council is in agreement for the new filing cabinet.

Lorah Hoe with the EDPB there is a meeting July 8th at 6pm. The board has spent the full \$60,000.00 for the relief grant and at this time will no longer do the grant. The board will re-evaluate in the fall to see if the grant is needed. The EDPB is preparing to give a town square revitalization presentation.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Smock to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss employee pay raises for 30 minutes. All voting yea - the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Emrick to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. All voting yea - the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the employee pay raises as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk