

Mt. Pulaski City  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019  
6:30pm

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

**Recognition of Guests:** Jewel King

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

**Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:** Jewel King came to discuss a repeat issue of the **sidewalk** on Cooke St. The sidewalk was tore up and rock has been put down. Jewel doesn't think this is the fix. Matt Presswood stated new concrete was to be poured once the tree was removed. The tree committee has stated that the tree is healthy and will not be cut down. Matt is wanting the rock to settle. Mayor Bobell asked if asphalt would last longer than concrete with the tree roots. Matt Presswood stated this will be a trial and error to do asphalt. Mayor Bobell stated sidewalks have been on the plan to do but we do not have the money. This is a project that would have to be done in phases and grants would have to be applied for.

**Police:** Tony West stated they have been going around town talking with residents with inoperable vehicles. The radios have been ordered, should be in in early May.

**Water/ Sewer:** Matt Presswood stated the committee discussed the continuation of the water meter replacement program.

The committee would recommend making a lump sum payment on the water tower loan. Tricia Aylesworth will put it on the next accounts payable.

Justin Reese from the Farnsworth Group was unable to attend the meeting tonight to discuss the force main project. Matt stated the two (2) options Justin was going to discuss are is to reuse the pipe with relining the pipe which is about \$35,000.00 or new boring jack which is about \$50,000.00 - \$65,000.00. Matt Presswood stated he would recommend going with the new boring jack as that would get us out of the Rail Road easement totally.

**Streets/Alleys:** Matt Presswood stated they are going to run the leave vacuum to do some spring cleanup around town to get the leaves that didn't get picked up this past winter.

Matt Presswood stated patch work will begin soon.

Alderman Neville asked if the street lines around the square could get painted.

Alderman Palmquist asked that the streets and alley committee make it a point to bring up sidewalks on a monthly basis so a solution can be found and this matter of business is not forgotten.

**Financing:** Deposits to date are \$25,276.12. Tricia is working on the budget, let her know of any large projects or expenditures.

## **Public Comments – Non Agenda Items**

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

Mayor Bobell stated City Attorney, Jordan Klein spoke with Will DeAndrea about the zoning variance for the wind turbine. The official zoning is done at the County and is not required of us. The Company has already got the go ahead to begin the project. City Attorney, Jordan Klein has suggested not taking any action on this.

**Miscellaneous:** Matt Presswood stated it is getting to mowing season. Mowing has been bid out the last few years. Do we continue with the current mower, Will Stewart or open it up for bids. This does not have to be bid out since it cost less than \$10,000.00. The council is in agreement to continue with Will Stewart mowing. Mayor Bobell will contact Will.

Mayor Bobell stated Deron Powell is working with the Logan County Herald. Mt. Pulaski will have a separate page. This page is in the process stage.

Mayor Bobell stated The EADB has hired Lorah Hoe as an administrative assistance. This will have no more than 20 hours per week and will be an hourly paid position.

Mayor Bobell stated City Attorney, Jordan Klein has been in contact with IDOT on Bates Road and is waiting for a response back.

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk