

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests:

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 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:** Nothing to report
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Talked with Lee about the main extension to Herrin Fertilizer process is weather permitted. Hope to do that next week.

Research process with lift station #3, Matt will take a site visit to Leroy to ask questions about the lift station they have recently replaced similar to lift station #3.

Justin with the Farnsworth Group will be at the next meeting to discuss MTF funds. Matt suggests to crack seal all concrete streets.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$26,722.05.

Old Business: Alderman Emrick stated the city of Lincoln is not paying the **LCEDP contribution request** and asked if no one else is paying Bill Thomas, should the city pay the request? The council is in agreement not to pay the LCEDP contribution request. Mayor Bobell will contact Bill Thomas to let him know at this time the city will not be contributing.

City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth has not receive and request for changes to the **FY 2019 budget**. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Smock to adopt the FY 2019 budget. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Alderman Emrick has been looking at financial statements for a while and with the change in the accounting system items were left off. Once the auditors got all the items squared away it changed the finances. The errors have been rectified. Alderman Emrick is not in favor of paying a **water loan lump sum payment** as there are other projects that need to be done. There has been no research as to how these future projects will be paid for. Tricia Aylesworth is in agreement with Alderman Emrick stating maybe

the council needs to look at the projection out. Alderman Neaville stated the water fund is capable of paying this lump sum loan payment. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Smock to pay the extra \$50,000 lump sum loan payment. Roll call – yea – Neaville, Smock – Nay – Emrick, Maxheimer, Phillips. Motion does not pass.

New Business: Mayor Bobell stated the follow grants have been approved by the EAB. Farmers Family Restaurant for \$2,900.00 for asphalt. Marketing and advertising for 2nd Friday, Christmas on Vinegar Hill and the launch for the food coop for up to \$5,000.00. Logan County Tourism for \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the **business district appropriation** for Farmers Rest., Launching of food coop and marketing and advertising for 2nd Friday and Christmas on Vinegar Hill and Logan County Tourism. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated he received a **letter of engagement from J.M. Abbotts & Associates**. This letter of engagement is a renewal of services that would be in effect June 1 with the same service and same price. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Smock to continue service with J.M. Abbotts & Associates. All voting yea – the motion carried.

E3i Ventures – DBA Extreme Fireworks would like to sell fireworks in Mt. Pulaski again. There is no business license needed, just the approval to sell them. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Smock to approve E3i Ventures – DBA Extreme Fireworks to sell fireworks. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the city is trying to get Wi-Fi on the square. Steve Schaffer with **MR Systems Wireless** discussed and presented a quote. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Phillips to accept the quote with MR Systems Wireless. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Bobell stated the city received a letter from the **Canadian National Rail Road** stating a 60ft tower will be placed by the intersection on S. Washington. They are going to be putting another tower up on high way 121 by the old Cob plant.

Mayor Bobell stated the **TIF letters** have been submitted and returned.

Mayor Bobell stated the **STEM program** at MPGS received a national award given from the FBI as they received 1st place. Mayor Bobell is looking into recognizing them formally in the near future.

Building inspector, Greg Maus stated he will call the resident and let them know it will need to be 5ft. This is in reference to the portable structure.

Leslie “Foxy” Hild asked the council where this Bates Road matter of business began. Mayor Bobell stated the city has reason to believe we have no jurisdiction on the road. The City just wants to make sure it is done right.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Phillips to exit regular session and enter in to executive session to discuss possible litigation on Bates Road and purchase real estate property for 20 minutes. All voting yea – the motion carried.

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

Mayor Bobell stated no action was taken.

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk