

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Matt Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests:

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Sean McCormick, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and March Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reports: 7 FOIA requests,
 - 1) Arrests from 1/1/24-2/29/24
 - 2) Female arrest from 3/26/25-3/30/26 for Battery or Aggravated Battery
 - 3) Asking for Ordinance for March 26
 - 4) Battery & Domestic Battery arrest from 3/6/25 – 3/30/26
 - 5) Body Camera from 12.20/24 Battery arrest
 - 6) Arrests for 3/6/26 – 4/9/26 for Retail Theft, Forgery, ID Theft, Financial Institution Fraud
 - 7) Arrests from 3/9/26-4/9/26 for Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer, Resisting of Obstructing a Peace Officer, Obstructing Justice, and Endangering the Life of a Child

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 meeting with Logan County Dispatch and Logan County Law Enforcement Agencies about CESSA/988. CESSA (Community Emergency Services and Supports Act), or the Stephon Watts Act, is an Illinois law requiring 911 to coordinate with mental health services, directing behavioral health crisis calls to counselors rather than police. It aims to reduce police involvement and instead dispatch mobile crisis teams for mental health crises. Dispatch will still notify Law Enforcement; however, we may not respond unless the situation is volatile. They believe this will be up early May 2026.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 meeting with the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan. There is a Natural Hazard Questionnaire that was recommended to possibly post on Facebook to get

public opinion. The next meeting is Thursday, July 16 2026, at 10:am at 227 Kickapoo Street in Lincoln. Past hazards will be discussed at that meeting.

Calls were received about a scam where victims are instructed to purchase \$500.00 gift cards and provide the suspect with the code on the back.

Friday, April 10, 2026 met with Tristan McGrew, with Bridge Recovery, and Lincoln Police Chief, Joseph Meister about Bridge Recovery. Bridge stands for Building Recovery Inclusion in Dignity for Growth and Empowerment. The Bridge program helps people with mental health and substance abuse. This allows Law Enforcement to help them. If there is a situation where someone gets into trouble or commits a crime, depending on the type of crime, and if the Victim is on board with this, Law Enforcement will still write up a report. However, Law Enforcement would fill out a Deflection Referral form where Tristan or someone on his team would reach out to them and help them with getting the correct resources.

Crimes against persons or DUI's will not apply, however if there is a domestic situation Law Enforcement would still fill out a Deflection Referral to get the suspect help. This covers Logan, Menard, and Mason counties.

Deflection vs. Diversion

Deflection = Connecting a person with resources to address their issues before involvement in the criminal justice system. (pre-arrest)

Diversion = Connecting a person with resources/treatment after entry into the criminal justice system.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reports in the past few weeks he's had meetings both in person and Zoom with Farnsworth working on a seal coat program using MFT. The flashing lights have come in and will be going up soon.

Mr. Larson is wanting the city to help with things they were not aware of.

They are having problems with the lawn mower and an oil leak. Matt said it's eleven years old. Matt is looking for a newer bigger machine. Mayor Bobell said if it's a crank shift just get it fixed and hold on to it. Matt will get a couple of quotes and report at the next meeting.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Vacating streets along German Street will be discussed more at the next meeting so Jordan Klein can go over things with council.

Mayor Bobell would like to honor Ralph Allen with a key to the city. Ralph has done a lot for the community and deserves to be awarded.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Ed Anderson to approve Resolution for Award. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Websites must be ADA approved now. The cost can run anywhere from \$2,000-\$24,000 for the updates. Andre Aro, of Master Service has quoted \$1,000 to get started. Mayor Bobell said if have any suggestions for the website to get in touch with Paula or Dee.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Sean McCormick, to approve Master Service Agreement Website Update for \$1,000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: The Data Center informational meeting at the American Legion was a success with a good turnout. Kimberly was highly informative.

Dee Howard stated the EDPB donated \$6,000 to local organizations.

Public Comments – Non Agenda:

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk