

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and John Aylesworth. Also present were Chief, Tony West, and Dee Howard. Absent were Sean McCormick and Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests:

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West called the railroad regarding extended time blocking the road and left a message. He reminded the council that anyone can call the number by the tracks. There was an illegal dumping at a private dumpster that was resolved. The person wasn't aware it was private. Inland Tool had a harassment call by an individual who thought he was calling a different company with the same name. Noah Riedle will be graduating this Friday. He will be riding with Officer west for a while. Jordan will get the contract for Noah to Tony. Officer West would like to get a different system for the golf cart licenses. He has to check them every year but would like to do something similar to the DMV where they can renew their license without him having to check them. He would only have to check if they had had any changes made.
- **Director of Public Works:** No report due to Matt being absent
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

New Business: SK & Company helped with the audit last year. Paula and Dee both felt they did a good job and were very easy to work with.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve SK & Company contract for Services. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Bill Glaze with Longview Community Band, asked for the city to help with the cost of a new sidewalk on the north side of Cooke Street. The original figure was \$18,000 and the city verbally agreed to pay half of that. Bill came back with a \$22,000 figure. The city agreed to pay half because the sidewalk was in good condition. Joe thinks the city should go ahead and pay half of the total cost. The other side of the street where the bushes were pulled out has a drop off that John questioned if the city is responsible for safety precautions. Mayor Bobell said it would be worth getting Farnsworth to look at it. Dee will be contacting Massie & Massie since they're working on the square project.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Kate Davis, to approve reimbursement to Longview Community Bank for sidewalk in the amount of \$11,090.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Old Business: Dee had put in an application for the Business District to pay for windows and painting trim on the HJ Elzy properties 100-102. After discussing the concerns of conflict of interest with Jordan Klein, he said there is no problem.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by John Aylesworth, to approve Business District Funds- HJ Elzy Properties 100-102 window replacement/trim painting half up to \$10,000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Jordan went over the guidelines for IMRF. Officer West had asked for the limit to be raised from 600 hours to 1,000 hours. Jordan advised that once they approve it, they can't undo it.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve IMRF Resolution to adopt 1,000-hour work requirement. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Bobell reported there was a good turnout at the Town Square meeting last Monday. There will be another meeting in a few weeks. One council member asked why focus on the square when the town needs it so much. Mayor said we have to start somewhere. Plans are not set in stone. The courthouse area will not be touched.

Other Business: Tonight is Joe Butler's last meeting. He will be moving to Savannah, Georgia. Joe stated it's been a pleasure, and he will miss being part of the community. Mayor Bobell thanked him for his service.

John asked what the metal plates on Cooke and Lafayette streets are for. Randy will ask Matt Presswood tomorrow, but he thinks American Water put them there.

Randy wanted to know if they will be replacing Sandy Bowles. Paula said she is testing the water now to see if she needs someone to help out. Randy asked if she had to be out what they would do. Paula said she can get emails and she feels good right now on her own. Mayor stated he will leave it up to her. Paula said Dee had filled in before for her.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda: Rise Broadband will have a ribbon cutting during 2nd Friday at 5:00 pm. They will also have a VIP vendor spot at all 2nd Friday events.

Executive Session: Pending Litigation

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session for Pending Litigation. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Brad Davis, to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action taken tonight.

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

David Pistorious- bonding options for Vine Street.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Joe Butler to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk