

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, April 28, 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: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Absent was Sean McCormick and Matt Presswood Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:**

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

**Public Comments:**

**Reports by Officers**

- **Chief of Police:** Chief West reports four FOIA Requests:
  - 1) Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer  
Resisting or Obstructing a Peace Officer  
Obstructing Justice  
Endangering the Life or Health of a Child
  - 2) Indecent Solicitation of a Child  
Grooming  
Sexual Exploitation of a Child  
Child Pornography
  - 3) Terrorism  
Making a Terrorist Threat  
Falsely Making a Terrorist Threat  
Material Support for Terrorism  
Hindering Prosecution of Terrorism  
Hate Crime
  - 4) Reckless Homicide  
First Degree Murder  
Second Degree Murder  
Involuntary Manslaughter  
Concealment of Homicidal Death

219 N. Marion St- Becky Welch property- went to court on Thursday, April 23, 2026, for dangerous building. Court was continued until Thursday, May 28 at 9:00am so Becky could seek counsel.

Civil Dispute between neighbors at 406 S. Marion St.

Ordinance Violation 7-4-2 height of grass at 420 S. Marion St and 200 E Wayne St. Chief West instructed Conaway Lawn Service to mow the properties since no one is occupying the residence.

Mayor Bobell states the property of 117 E McDonald St will be coming up for sale in May. The city will try to acquire it and the property of 200 E Wayne St as well. Once the city owns the property, they will tear down the buildings and sell the lots.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood was unable to attend, so Josh Poffenbarger covered for him. He said tree planting will begin soon, crews have been cleaning out ditches, and debris pickup is scheduled for Monday.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the report.

**Old Business:** Jordan Klein was present tonight and spoke on the process of vacating the streets along German Street. Once the ordinance is approved, they will get the deeds. Jordan feels the property taxes should not make that much difference as most are already using that parcel and would be taxed on it. Ed Anderson wanted to know what would happen if the property owner didn't want the extra parcel. Jordan said they would have to reassess it again. The cost of the property would just be the cost of recording fees which is \$59.00. Jordan said deeds and letters will be sent out.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Brad Davis, to approve Ordinance Vacating Streets and Alleys along German Street, Pursuant to Plot of Survey by Mat Cox dated March 26, 2026, for an amount of \$59 Per Property Owner. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Mayor Bobell moved the Business District Grant- Industry Fitness up so Michael Lowery didn't have to stay longer. Kate Davis spoke about how Michael attended training on AEDs which the library paid for. It's a state law that a gym must have one in their building. Brad Davis doesn't think it falls under the Business District guidelines as it isn't part of the structure. Mayor Bobell looked at that too but feels it could fall into it. Brad further stressed that it's not part of the structure and should go to EDPB. Ed Anderson also agreed with Brad. After further discussion it was brought to vote, and it failed to do no second motion. It will go to EDPB.

The MFT Seal Coat will be on the agenda at the next meeting for further discussion.

The new mower purchase will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

The Vine Street Sidewalk Addition had two businesses sent in bids. The bids will be for a sidewalk from Chestnut Street to Casey's and Jefferson St to Cooke Street. Earth Worx had a bid

of \$123,767.00. Precision Concrete had a bid of \$115,240.00. Earth Worx will be in town already, so council chose to go with them.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Vine Street Sidewalk Addition Bid from Earth Worx for \$123,767.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

The Electrical Panel Replacement Project around the City Square has a quote from DL Electric, LLC in the amount of \$22,812.85 for the entire job.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Electrical Panel Replacement Project around the City Square with DL Electric, LLC in the amount of \$22,812.85. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

Business District Grant- Community Association of Mt. Pulaski for Summer Flowerpots.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Kate Davis, to approve Business District Grant- Community Association of Mt. Pulaski Summer Flowerpots in the amount of \$1,000. Roll call vote.

Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

Business District Grant- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays on the Square. Brad Davis doesn't think it's a Business District grant. Dee opposed saying it brings people in. Tricia Aylesworth doesn't want Community Association of Mt. Pulaski to share picnic tables with them so \$1,200 will be taken off the grant making it \$2,290.00.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Business District Grant- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday's on the Square in the amount of \$2,290.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Answering nay Brad Davis. Motion carried.

Business District Grant – MPAA Frazier Park for scoreboard. EDPB has put \$14,000 towards Bleachers, benches, popcorn machine, cabinets for concession stand.

Motion by Randy Hagenbush, second by Kate Davis, to approve Business District Grant- MPAA Frazier Park Scoreboard up to \$5,000.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch. Answering nay Brad Davis. Motion carried.

E3I Ventures, LLC is wanting to sale fireworks again this year. Mayor Bobell said they have a license to sell and they do a good job.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by John Aylesworth, to approve E3I Ventures, LLC Fireworks sale from June 22- July 5, 2026 at 926 E McDonald St. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Abstain- Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** There is a SRTS meeting today for updates with Milano and Grunloh. Construction plans to start May 11<sup>th</sup>. The city will apply for grants for future projects.

Mayor Bobell asked if council has any ideas for the Woods Foundation Grants. Kate Davis and Andy Meister have talked about parking at the library where they bought the lot. Mayor

proposed extending or paving the parking along Morgan Street. The deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Matt Presswood will get bids on it.

John Aylesworth asked about the shed still sitting on Belmont Street, the ordinance is being questioned.

Randy Hagenbuch asked about the Carriage House, Tony said they did not show up to court. John informed us there will be a propane class at the Legion on May 7<sup>th</sup> after 7:00pm.

**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