

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, August 13, 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: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch and Sean McCormick. Those absent were Anna Beckers. Also present were Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, Police Chief Tony West and Treasurer, Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Jay Byrne & Michelle Hagenbuch

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West stated he's been working on OV for trash, there was a minor accident at the BP Mart. He also stated he's still trying to contact CN Railroad for the tall grass in a few areas around town.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt stated that the Public Works crew has been patching a few areas around town, mainly by the grade school & high school. Matt also stated they've also done storm drain repairs at Vine St., but hired G.A. Rich to assist with jetting, because they have a larger, more powerful jetting machine, which seemed to get the area unclogged. Matt did have more to discuss, which will be covered under New Business.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the Treasurers' report which reflected deposits, monthly ACH transactions and account balances.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Vinegar Hill Demolition / 104 S Washington Demolition: Matt Presswood stated that Ameren has been notified that there is an electrical issue that still exists at 104 S. Washington St and Ameren has it scheduled to do, but we do not know exactly when that will be. All Industrial wants to proceed with the demolition of 104 S. Washington 1st, prior to doing 219 S. Washington. Mayor Bobell said he had asked this and was given permission to do so, since we're under a contract with him. The City does have one Certificate of Insurance from All Industrial for these 2 demolition jobs. It was discussed that if there are any issues with the contractor and other individuals, those parties should talk to Matt Presswood first, so he can possibly resolve any issues. And if need be, have Police Chief West available to handle any disruptive situations.

- Capitalization Policy Change: This topic was tabled until the August 27th Council meeting.
- Railing – Cooke St next to Longview Bank: There were 2 bids received to do the railing on the South side of Longview Community Bank: Huff Welding / \$13225 and Mark's Metals / \$5634. The awarded bid goes to Mark's Metal for \$5634. Per Dee Howard, she thought Mark's Metal would be done with this project before Fall Festival.
- Stone River Group, LLC – Renewal Contract: Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Brad Davis, to approve the renewal contract for Stone River Group, LLC. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.
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- Vine Street Final Plans: Matt Presswood stated that the Contract Estimate of Cost came in @ 300k less than previously quoted. Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Kate Davis, to approve IDOT's Final Contract Estimate of Cost. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.
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- New Stop Signs on Cooke St.: The topic was "No Parking" signs on Cooke St. John Aylesworth stated he had 2 complaints regarding the parking issues on the north & south sides of Cooke St. by MPHS. Gene Schoth had reached out to Police Chief West & Matt Presswood, regarding the space for buses to get through on W. Cooke in the 300 & 400 block area. Apparently, school staff members were parking on W. Cooke Street in this area, instead of parking in the new Staff parking lot. The current signs that were recently installed will be replaced with signs that limit the parking to 30 minutes between the hours 8a-4p. Police Chief West handed out a copy of City Ordinance 9-3-4, which clearly states no parking in these specific areas. Mayor Bobell will get with Principal Heather Fricke and explain the situation and give her a copy of Ordinance 9-3-4: Time Limit Parking.

Other Business:

- John Aylesworth asked who had their CDL and Matt Presswood stated that Kris, Josh and himself have a CDL, but not Dylan. Matt also stated that there are plenty of drivers to remove snow. Dylan drives a different truck & plow that does not require a CDL.

Public Comments:

- None

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Motion by Kate Davis and seconded by Ed Anderson to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Paula Holcomb