

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
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: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. Absent was Kate Davis. Also present were Chief, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Sandy Bowles, Joyce Maxheimer, and Michelle Hagenbuch

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported a loose dog ordinance violation. Kids will be starting back to school next week so be careful, watch for kids, and obey the school bus rule. He also stated Aaron Steinberg will be helping more.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they are finished with the storm drain on North Lafayette St and will be working on the catch basin. When that is finished they'll move on to other catch basins. Matt will get Applegate to bring their cameras to check the lines in other catch basins. The sidewalk has been formed at the high school. He is looking for another employee. There have been no bids on the demolition of Vinegar Hill. Joe asked Matt why water was flooding on N. Lafayette. Matt said the west side of the street is clear so it's from the east side which hasn't been checked.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the treasurer's report. She reported a higher interest rate on the CD renewal. She said instead of just renewing their CD's they need to check on higher interest rates.

New Business: Two representatives from Farnsworth were present to give an update on the Vine St. reconstruction plan. What was originally labeled maintenance has been changed to reconstruction after IDOT reviewed the plan. With the new label, a higher level of reviews and type of plans are more detailed. The council was given a detailed map showing the cost per sections of Vine St. The size of the project should be more attractive to bidders. The total cost of the project is between \$800-900,000 for the whole run. If done in phases the cost would probably go up with the increase in price of materials. The council is in agreement to do it all at one time. The next step is an engineering agreement and resolution for MFT. Farnsworth will give an

evaluation on a sidewalk from Chestnut St. to Flora Drive for both sides of the street at the next meeting.

Dee Howard brought up the need for Paula Holcomb to have inquiry permission for city banks and CD/investment accounts. When she has a vendor that needs paid she has to call Dee for information. It will just make things easier. She will only be able to view the accounts.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Sean McCormick, to grant inquiry permission for city bank accounts and CD/investment accounts be given to Paula Holcomb. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Other Business: Joyce Maxheimer was present to talk about a recent trip she took to Monticello. She had pictures of the town square that they had redone on their own. She liked the wall and you could sit on it. They also had a corner of the square that was dedicated to all the Armed Forces. Joyce was given a letter with some information on their work. Mayor reminded council the city does not own the retaining wall. EDPB has been talking to a couple different avenues to help with the remodeling of the square. Masey & Masey are more landscaping and seem very excited to work on the project. They will be coming Thursday morning to the courthouse and doing a quick walk about the grounds.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Adjourn:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk