

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
August 24, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Bobell called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken.

Present: Darin Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Chief of Police, Tony West, and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood.

Absent: Dan Smock

Mayor Bobell then led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair, Wyatt Waterkotte, Rick Volle, Tom Martin, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Kris Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Alderman Phillips, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Emrick and Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments: No comments

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** School has begun, and things are going well. Brady Thomas will be full time after the Fall Festival.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they are finished with the oil and chipping. They are gearing up for the Fall Festival. They are not able to go with Applegate this year. There are going to be boxes this year instead of totes. Everyone will grab what they need, and the bags will be changed as needed.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell reported on the deposits

Old Business:

Rick Volle was present to speak on the Town Square Project. He talked about making improvements on the Cooke St. and Washington St. corner of the square in front of the bank. Dave Leonati helped with the design so it could be incorporated down the rest of the street. Rick said he wants to concentrate on the southside of the building. He is asking the city to work with Dave on this project. The bank will pay for the sidewalk repair in front of the bank. Rick wants to make it handicapped accessible. Rick would like the city and Dave to get together sometime and work on some plans.

Tom Martin reported on the progress with Farm-FED Co-op. They have exceeded their goal of \$100,000.00. They have money coming in from places as far as Boston, MA.

The Before/After School program has been approved for the Methodist Church site. There are around 45 families that are interested in the program. Jeff Clemens is working with the church and the YMCA who will be managing the program.

Tom then spoke on the ENEL contributions. Jesse Puckett, ENEL's lawyer talked with Jordan Klein and explained their position and the red flags that were raised. At the end of the conversation Jesse asked Jordan to send a new proposal.

Mayor Bobell would like to appoint Jim Burge, Erin Wyss, Hilliary Cherry, Andrew Meister, and Doug Johnson for EDPB members.

Motion by Alderman Brad Davis, second by Darin Phillips, to approve EDPM members: Jim Burge, Eryn Wyss, Hilliary Cherry, Andrew Meister, and Doug Johnson. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Darin Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Answering Present: Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Phillips, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Appropriations Ordinance FY21-22 as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

Area Disposal was not able to make the meeting tonight but would like to be put on the agenda for the September 28, 2021 meeting.

New Business:

Corrections to the July 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes will be made to reflect Alderman Smock voting nay on the IAW Amendment.

Other Business:

Nothing to report.

Executive Session:

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 7:35 P.M., for discussion of Personnel for 20 Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Darin Phillips, to exit Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Phillips, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

No action being taken a motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Alderman Emrick, second by Brad Davis, to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk

