

City of Mt. Pulaski ~ City Council Meeting

City Hall

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

6:30 PM

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson & John Aylesworth. Absent was City Clerk, Anna Beckers and Matt Presswood, director of Public Works. Also present were Chief of Police - Tony West and City Treasurer - Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair and Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ed Anderson, seconded by Sean McCormick, to approve the consent Agenda items: Claims & Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson & John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported: The MP Police Department has the new computer program from Tyler Technologies.
- On February 18, 19 & 20 we had "Taser training", and that went very well.
- Police Chief West then spoke about the Topper Storage Fire incident on February 23, 2025. The MP Police Department is working with the Illinois State Fire Marshall Office on the ongoing investigation.
- Alderman John Aylesworth, is also the MP Fire Chief and had stated that the MPFD & MPPD did a great job, along with all the numerous area Fire Departments that came to assist with the fire on McDonald St. Thanks to all those that assisted MPFD with this unfortunate incident.
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- **Director of Public Works – Matt Presswood:** Matt was absent. Mayor Bobell gave a brief update and stated that routine work is getting done around town. The snow flakes will be taken down in the next month or so, some trees will be cut in the Spring.
- The Veteran's Banners will go up in May sometime, as done in the past years.
- Some patching has been done on Vine St.
- Alderman Brad Davis asked about getting the City name on the 2 new trucks. Mayor Bobell said he would get with Matt P. & Josh P. to discuss further. Alderman Anderson suggested that a magnetic truck sign is another option.
- **Treasurers Report – Dee Howard:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

Old Business:

- **219 S. Washington Demolition:** Mayor Bobell asked if there were any questions regarding the bid from JA Shroyer Group for the demolition of 219 S. Washington St. Motion by John Aylesworth, seconded by Sean McCormick to accept the quote for the demolition of 219 S. Washington St. from JA Shroyer Group for \$128,500. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson & John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Vine Street Reconstruction Project:** Mayor Bobell received an email update from Joe Grim with Farnsworth Group and they're also working with Illinois American Watermain Company (IAWC) on a watermain improvement project on Vine St. in conjunction with our Vine St. reconstruction project. Farnsworth Group said they'd like for the City to wait and have our Vine St. project go out for bid shortly after IAWC has their watermain bid go out in May, 2025. Farnsworth thought that "maybe", if one contractor is large enough, that they may be able to bid on both jobs and hopefully save the City some money, in the long run. Mayor Bobell stated that it's been around 2 years since we began this Vine St. Reconstruction Project and is really anxious for it to be completed.

Other Business:

- Alderwoman Kate Davis wanted to open for future discussion, the possibility of changing the Council meetings to 6 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

Public Comments:

- Paula had stated that she had emailed around 14 companies the bid packet information for the "Partial Demolition" project at 104 S. Washington St. There are more interested parties this time than before and hopefully there will be more bids for this project.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Brad Davis to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Paula Holcomb