

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, February 28, 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, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Absent were Tim Emrick and Dan Smock. Also present were Treasurer Dee Howard, Chief of Police Tony West, and Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Michelle Hagenbuch and Donnie Neal.

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported no news on when the new cruiser will be ready for pick-up, but it should be soon. Brad Davis asked if Tony had any leads on a new full-time person. Tony said nothing yet but there is a guy who will be done with the academy in August. Brad then wanted to know if Tony was happy with the county guys coming in to help. Officer West is pleased with the ones coming in. One of the county guys clocked a vehicle going 80 mph that ended up in a field. The driver and passenger were young kids from Peoria.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt has been working at Frazier Park weather permitting. He is trying to get bathrooms in working order and has ordered benches for the T-ball field. The fencing work will have to be put out for bids.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the treasurer report.

New Business: Zach Knight, from Farnsworth, was present to discuss MFT 2022 and 2023 Programs. The 2022 program will be closed out. The city was attempting to do some storm drain improvements, but there was only one bid that came in. Due to the bid coming in higher than estimated they rejected it. After taking curb work out of the plans, they opened it back up for rebidding. Only one bid came back, and it was higher than the original bid, so it was rejected as well. The funds will back into the program. The city will have to pay additional fees for the rebidding in the amount of \$550,000.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to approve additional engineering fees from Farnsworth. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

The city is planning to resurface Vine Street from 121 to McDonald Street omitting the railroad tracks. The total estimate is \$836,440.00. Joe Butler is in favor of resurfacing and thinks it should be done all in one shot. He also wants to make sure the road can hold up to 80,000 pound trucks that go up and down it. Randy is concerned about the water runoff. Zach will check on both matters. Matt Presswood stated if they mill down deep enough into the concrete under the asphalt that should help as the gutters should be reclaimed. Kate Davis questioned if they thought they would have trouble with bids. Zach feels the significant amount of asphalt needed that it should bring more bidders.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve MFT Proposal and Resolution. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Due to having some clarification needed on the ordinance regarding fiber optic installation no vote will be taken tonight.

Old Business: None

Other Business: Randy Hagenbuch was contacted by Lisa Brown regarding empty houses in town, She is concerned about two houses near her being empty and one of them has a hole in the roof. There are animals going in and out of the property. Mayor will have Greg Maus check on them. Donny Neale said there is one empty across the street from him that has a broken window and animals in there as well.

Mayor Bobell attended the EDPB meeting where they discussed Historic Site. Dee handed council a sheet that had pros and cons of being on the list. She said they also discussed 501(C) 3. Farm Fed is meeting tonight with a lawyer on 501(C)3. EDPB will be meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 pm at Longview Conference.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Randy Hagenbuch, second by Kate Davis, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk