

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
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: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips and Dan Smock. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West and Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Joe Butler, Dee Howard,, Wyatt Waterkotte, and Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips and Dan Smock.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported that everything is going well and all is going well with the School's.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported that he's still working on quotes for equipment, etc. And also stated that the snow removal went well.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer report \$53,404.

Old Business:

Resolution to invest in Illinois Public Funds. Motion by Brad Davis and second by Kate Davis. All answering aye.

New Business:

Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden, (EBO), presented the FY21 audit. Mayor Bobell stated that the legal debt margin is \$1,412,603. Alderman Emrick asked if it's a material weakness that the EDPB does not get approval prior to their expenditures. EBO stated that they did not see this as a material weakness since the Mayor attended the EDPB meetings. Alderman Emrick asked if they saw a 10 month absence of a Treasurer troubling? EBO replied that this was an internal issue of the City. EBO also asked if the Mayor was searching for a Treasurer and his reply was yes. Alderman Emrick then asked the Mayor if he should consider running an ad for the Treasurer position. Alderman Emrick asked about expenditures exceeding the budget, EBO replied that the State Comptroller's Office accepted the report. Alderman Emrick then asked about the Durapatcher loan being listed as a TIF loan, EBO replied that this was an error on their part. The EBO auditors then stood up and walked out.

Phyllis Beccue requested permission to hang the military banners again this year Mrs. Beccue stated she had a very positive response from the community for the banners. The City will allow the banners to be hung again this year. Mrs. Beccue said she planned taking orders beginning on March 1, 2022. Phyllis Beccue then discussed a bronze Abe Lincoln Statue to go on the Courthouse lawn. She currently has pledge amounts of \$80,000.

Shane Milligan had questions concerning building a new garage apartment at 418 E. Cooke St. Mayor Bobell said he would research the ordinances, then consult with the Building Inspector and contact the Zoning Board if needed.

Other Business:

Michelle Hagenbuch discussed the pamphlets made by the Community Association. The brochures highlight the businesses, restaurants, community events & places to visit. These brochures are available at various businesses throughout town and also City Hall.

Public Comments: Wyatt Waterkotte stated that the City should consider having a consolidated garbage service to lower cost and also stated that this would give the residents an opportunity to recycle.

Adjourn: Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk