

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, Treasurer, Dee Howard, and City Attorney, Jordan Klein.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Dusty and Andrea Givan. Dusty addressed the council regarding their driveway during the construction of the sidewalk project on Vine Street. He would like to have his whole driveway done so the concrete matches coloring. The city will only pay for the driveway from the boulevard to the street.

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

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported:
December 10, 2025, a two-vehicle accident at E. McDonald St & N Topper Dr. No injuries
December 12, 2025, assist with motorist at N. Topper Dr & E Morgan St.
December 29, 2025, Order or Protection Violation report taken in the 200 block of N. Spring Street.
January 6-8, 2026, participated in Active Shooter Training at Open Arms in Lincoln with multiple agencies from the central Illinois area.
January 13, 2026, assisted Logan County Sheriff Department with an investigated traffic stop reference to copper theft in the county.
Mayor Bobell inquired on the status of the Ordinance Violations at the three locations previously discussed at the last meeting. Chief West states he hasn't heard anything from the owners of the Carriage House. He spoke with Becky about her property; she doesn't know what she is going to do with it yet. The 200 E. Wayne building has unpaid back taxes, and the city may pay them to proceed with demolition.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reports the leaf pick up is done. They have been working on tree trimming and some ditch work. He is impressed with the new equipment. Matt has been researching different blade options for the new trucks. Hilltop Nursery has contacted them regarding the trees they have purchased. They will pick them up and store

them until spring. Brad Davis asked if the leaf vac needs to be replaced. Matt thinks it would be more cost efficient to rent. Mayor Bobell informed Matt a community member is concerned about the cutting and shaping on N. Spring St and is worried about it being a problem with runoff. Matt replied he hopes it is right when they cut but can't tell until it rains. He states they can reshape it if that is a problem. The storm drains being undersized are a problem. Phyllis Beccue reached out to Sean McCormick about the damaged brackets on the Veteran Banners. She may not do it next year. Phyllis also wants to know what the city is doing for the 250th anniversary to make it look nice. Mayor Bobell would like to keep the banners going. He is not opposed to buying the brackets needed.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer report. She informed the council that Jesse, from ENEL, wants to see what the money they donate is being spent on. Mayor Bobell said he can tell them how he would like the money spent and they'll do it. Jesse will be at a meeting in February or March.

Old Business:

New Business: The IDOT Joint Funding Agreement & Resolution had to be redone due to the time frame from IDOT lagging.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to approve IDOT Joint Funding Agreement & Resolution for SRTS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

The annual Draft Audit Fiscal Year 2025 from SK& Co. is due for approval.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Draft Audit Fiscal Year 2025 from SK & Co. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Bobell will open the sealed bids for the 1980 Caterpillar truck.

1st bid - \$600 from Mike Holcomb

2nd bid - \$1,025 from D&M, 419 N. Belmont -Don Maxheimer

3rd bid - \$340 from Chris Neaville

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Ed Anderson, to approve Opening of Sealed bids for 1980 Caterpillar Fork Truck to D&M for \$1,025.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: Please get your Economic Interest Statement turned into Anna as soon as possible.

Mayor Bobell could not attend the Data Center meeting. He isn't sure how this will affect the city as far as voting. He suggested going to the next meeting. The first meeting was a zoning meeting.

Matt Presswood has not heard anything for over a month regarding IAW. John Aylesworth has heard they are not running a line from Lincoln but will build a water treatment plant. Neither Mayor Bobell nor Matt Presswood have heard anything about that. Mayor will be contacting them.

City Attorney, Jordan Klein, stated the Stiner lawsuit was dismissed with no notice of appeal.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda:

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk