

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
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: Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, Dee Howard, and Jordan Klein.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Tricia Aylesworth and Kelly Aylesworth

Mayor Bobell invited Dorsey Hill and Andrea Runge from Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development, Inc (LEAD) to speak early so they could be on their way. Dorsey explained what the Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) program is about. The vision is to foster a vibrant, inclusive community by supporting the long-term success of Logan County businesses. They help connect businesses to available resources and remove barriers for growth. The BR&E Committee includes representatives from LEAD, Logan RPC, Community Action Partnership Central Il, Heartland College, Land of Lincoln WIOA, City of Lincoln, City of Mt. Pulaski, Eaton, Lincoln Downtown Business Group, and Greater Peoria Economic Development Council. Dee Howard and Veronica Ohler are on the Logan County board.

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported:
December 20, 2024 an arrest made for battery at 216 S. Washington

January 9, 2025 a two-vehicle accident -1750th Ave at 700th Street. A citation was issued for improper lane usage, no injuries

January 10, 2025 at 510 N. Vine Street a Warrant for Domestic Battery. An arrest was made.

Chief West is looking to replace³ the 2013 Dodge Charger squad car. The Charger is 12 years old with 87,000 plus miles. He plans on having figures for a newer squad car at the next Council Meeting, January 28th.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood, reported the equipment is holding up so far, but the salt boxes will be needing replaced next year. He has heard back from J.A. Shroyer, and they have raised the price on the demolition of Vinegar Hill. The demolition will be open for rebidding again.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: Mayor Bobell asked if there were any questions on the Draft Audit FY2024. There were no questions.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Draft Audit Report FY2024 as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

New Business: Conxxus was not able to attend the meeting tonight but would like to come in the next few months.

Lucky Lady Fireworks was a no-show.

Dee Howard said the durapatcher is almost paid off. If it is paid off early, they will take some off on the loan. Council are all in agreement to pay it off.

Tricia and Kelly Aylesworth on behalf of Community Association of Mt. Pulaski, has asked the city to help offset the cost of the Valentine Dance they are hosting. They are hoping to carry money over for next year to cover all costs.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to approve donation of \$1,250.00 to Community Association of Mt. Pulaski. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Abstaining were John Aylesworth, and Randy Hagenbuch. Motion carried.

Other Business: Building codes need to be updated to something no earlier than 2015.

BC/BS renewal information will be coming soon.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session for discussion of Personnel by Chief West. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Ed Anderson, to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action coming out of Executive Session.

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk