Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting City Hall Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. Also, present were Chief, Tony West, and Dee Howard. Matt Presswood was absent.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Michelle Hagenbuch, Rick Volle, Amanda Scattergood, and Kaitlin Allspach

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

• **Police Chief Tony West**: Officer West reported the back to the courthouse was wide open. There didn't appear to be an entry into the building as everything looked fine. Steve Martin forgot to lock the door and the wind must have blown it open. Tony stated there were no issues in town with the bad weather. The police department's computer system is ending soon as it is obsolete. Tony is looking for something new for the cars and the police office. There is a program that he is interested in that allows him to be connected to other counties in the area.

• **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood was absent. Mayor Bobell gave a report for him. The leaf vac has been fixed and they will try to get through town one more time. There will be a pre-demolition meeting in the next week or so. Farnsworth will have an update on Vine Street. Joe asked about cameras for storm drains and Frazier Park. He suggested putting a small playground where the field isn't being used. Dee added put a batting cage there as well. Joe also suggested a track to walk around.

• **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

Old Business: At the last meeting Market on the Hill was asking for \$25,000 donation from the city. After some discussion it was decided to be on the agenda again. Mayor Bobell opened it up for discussion tonight. He said it is allowed for stockholders to vote. The money will come from the General Fund. Sean McCormick feels with it being on the square it needs supported.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Market on the Hill \$25,000 Donation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. Answering nay was Brad Davis. Motion carried.

New Business: IAW is asking for \$727,250.00 for sledging the lagoon. The Lagoon Escrow Account will be closed, and the money put into CD's.

Other Business: Joe had asked about using money from golf cart fees to better the community. Joe suggested signs coming into town regarding golf carts. Mayor Bobell said he checked and there does not have to be signs posted. Joe talked about something uptown but that they would have to wait and see what the plans are there. A pavilion at Frazier Park was suggested too. Nothing was decided on tonight.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk