

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, January 28, 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: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests:

Seth Flach, from Milano and Grunloh, was present to give an update on the Safe Route to School (SRTS) project. The approximate cost to the city is \$29,715.00. This mostly cover design engineering, which is not a reimbursable expense as part of the grant. The plans will be sent to IDOT geometrics after approval of PE 1. A set of plans was brought for the city to look over. It looks like only trees by the grade school will be needed removed. Seth advised that an engineer is not needed for the extra sidewalk work the city wants done. They will remove and replace the sidewalk on Vine Street from Zion Lutheran to Jefferson Street. The city will apply for ITEP grants for future work.

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported:
January 15, 2025 Mt. Pulaski PD recovered a stolen 2015 Dodge pickup truck at the Dollar General Store parking lot.

January 15, 2025 & January 16, 2025, Chief West was talking with Macon County Sheriff Deputy about a burglary case from Tuesday, January 14, 2025, where three pickup trucks, motorcycles, tools, and winter weather gear was stolen.

January 16, 2025 Mt. Pulaski Police PD recovered a stolen 2023 Ford F150 pickup truck at 510 N. Vine St. This same date and address Officer Riedle and Chief West assist Macon County Sheriff's Office execute a Macon County Search Warrant. Upon searching the property Macon County seized evidence from their burglary on January

14th, and Mt Pulaski PD seized well over 15 grams of meth which Mt. Pulaski PD arrested Shady W. Abdallah, age 36 for Possession and Delivery a Class X Felony.

January 20, 2025 Mt. Pulaski PD handled a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of N. Lafayette and E. Harry St. A citation was issued for failure to yield the right of way. No injuries.

January 21, 2025, Mt. Pulaski PD handled a two-vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store at 423 E. Chestnut St. One driver backed into another vehicle. No injuries.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reported they have been doing inventory in the shop, working on parking issues in front of City Hall, and getting ready to open bidding for the demolition of Vinegar Hill.
Kate Davis was contacted by a resident asking if they could remove a brick sidewalk. Matt Presswood stated they can remove it, but it has to be filled up to level ground.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: None

New Business: There is one seat open on the EDPB. Mayor Bobell is recommending Tiffany Justice to fill the vacancy. She is active in the community and is on the park board. He feels she will do a nice job.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Ed Anderson, to approve EDPB appointment of Tiffany Justice. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

It is time to renew health insurance. Currently BC/BS is what we have. Mayor Bobell said it has gone up a little bit.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by John Aylesworth, to approve BC/BS Insurance renewal as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Public Comments: BR&E has scheduled the Babysitting Camp for this year. This is a free service offered to kids who are interested in babysitting. They have also given Market on the Hill some contacts to help them out.

The Valentine Dance is February 8th at the Legion Hall.

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk