

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, January 25, 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, and Dan Smock. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West. Darin Phillips was absent.

Mayor Bobell then lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair, 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, and Dan Smock.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West has checked into prices on a new vehicle and computer. He is looking at a Ford Explorer. He stated they come pretty much ready to go. Lincoln Land Communications can install the radar and computer. He would like to get things moving on it as it takes about 3 months to get in. The Impala can be stripped out and sold. Dan asked about the white truck and if it can be sold as well. Mayor Bobell said there are two trucks, and they both can. Tony will get paperwork from the dealership on the Ford Explorer for the council to look over.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt was not able to be present for the meeting. Josh Poffenbarger gave a report for him. There have been caution signs placed on Vine & Chestnut Streets. He said they are taking inventory of all bad signs in town that need replaced. Josh is taking an online arborist class. Mayor Bobell stated there are some low hanging branches in town that need trimmed. Zach Knight, of Farnsworth, has been working with Matt identifying inlets that are in bad shape. He said they have found ten that need replaced as well as the curve on W. Cooke Street.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer report.

Old Business:

One change was made to the Proposed Ordinance Change Investment Policy. Mayor Bobell commented the sooner we get this policy in place the Financial Committee can meet to discuss an investor. Brad, Tim, and Dan will get together for a date and time for a meeting. They can contact any of the companies that gave presentations. Matt would like to have some goals set before the next meeting. Motion by Dan Smock, second by Kate Davis, to adopt Proposed Ordinance Change Investment Policy

with change as amended. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried.

The change was made to the contract with the Athletic Association. Some council members are concerned with the \$3,000 for mowing in the contract. They would like to see what they liked or did not like with the mowing in the past years. Brad suggested they go to a one-year contract and review the mowing situation. The park district is responsible for any damage from someone tearing it up. They have insurance coverage. Mayor Bobell will correct the date and change to a one-year contract. Motion by Brad Davis, second by Dan Smock, to approve Frazier Park Contract with changes spoken of. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Bobell has not heard from the rebuild downtown grant. There was discussion of IAW wanting 3% franchise fee added. There will have to be a vote to rescind it.

Public Comments:

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Dan Smock, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk