

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Matthew Bobell, Alderman Emerick, Maxheimer, Phillips and Smock, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Police Chief Tony West

Absent: Alderman Davis and Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests:

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Matthew Bobell presided.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Police Chief Tony West stated there have been cars broken into and wants to remind everyone to keep your vehicles locked.

Water/ Sewer: Matt Presswood suggests putting the sewer force main project on hold until negotiations with Illinois American water is complete.

Streets/Alleys: Matt Presswood stated the last storm damage pick up is complete. The MFT paper work is signed, sent off to the state and awaiting approval.

Financing: Deposits to date: \$44,544.87

City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth stated she found an accounting error on the transfer sheet from the accountant. Moving forward there should be enough funds to make payables.

Public Comments – Non - Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the **bills** as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the consent agenda items. All voting yea, Alderman Emrick, no – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated two (2) months ago there was discussion about updated the **building codes** to the 2018 codes. Mayor Bobell suggested to the council the City could adopt the same building codes that the county has. When the county updates their codes, the city would update theirs. This matter of business was removed from the consent agenda to be discussed later.

Miscellaneous: The council discussed the **statement to the public about the water and sewer systems**. A three (3)-page information report was presented. Alderman Phillips suggests pulling out bullet points showing rate increase on a graph. Mayor Bobell stated a one (1)-page report would be sufficient.

Mayor Bobell sent out an e-mail with the updated **proposal asset purchase agreement from Illinois American Water**. Mayor Bobell encouraged the council to reach out to City Attorney, Jordan Klein with any questions.

Mayor Bobell stated after review, all applications had met certain criteria. Three (3) businesses qualified for the **Local CURE funding program**. The Farmers Family Restaurant (\$10,000), The Old Brickyard (\$10,000) and The Lucky Lager (\$5,508.85). The city has a contract with the program stating the City will get reimbursement money for the funds distributed.

Mayor Bobell will like to hear from the council as to which committee's they would like to be on so **committee appointments** can be made. A suggestion was made to wait until after the April 2021 Election.

Mayor Bobell stated the prior arrangements Greg Maus has committed too would not take up as much time as anticipated. Mayor Bobell would like **to re appoint Greg Maus as building inspector**. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Phillips to appoint Greg Maus as building inspector. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Business District Appropriations: None at this time

Mayor Bobell stated the **Economic Development Planning Board** has not heard anything on the grants. Mr. Leonatti will draw out plans starting with the outside, west side of the square (storefront side) estimating \$100,000 - \$150,000. The board wants to continue the square revitalization discussion. The next square revitalization meeting is February 2, 2021 at 3:30pm. The next Economic Development Planning Board meeting is February 6, 2021 at 9 am.

Mayor Bobell discussed the **agreement from Economic Development Resources**. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to enter into the agreement from the EDR. All voting yea – the motion carried.

The **annual joint review TIF meeting** is February 11, 2021.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to exit regular session and enter into executive session for 30 mins to discuss the **asset purchase agreement**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Emrick to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk