

City of Mt. Pulaski ~ City Council Meeting

City Hall

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:00 PM

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Director of Public Works and City Treasurer - Dee Howard. Anna Beckers was absent.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Kelly Aylesworth

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

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Thursday July 9, 2026, Court for 219 North Marion St., owner, Becky Welch did not have an attorney present. A new court date is set for Thursday, August 13, 2026, to be set for trial. The Judge let Becky know she could speak with our City attorney if she would like and she did.
- **Director of Public Works – Matt Presswood:** Matt thanked the Mt. Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department for an excellent fireworks show and was the best in the area. K & K Construction & Concrete will perform the work at the intersection at Maple and N. Vine St. The Pool Park Parking project has been publicized, and bids are due on Jul 28, 2026. The new excavator did a great job during the Junk Drive smashing junk down into the dumpsters and moving the dumpsters and other items around the Street shed area. A few sidewalk design issues have been resolved. Matt mentioned that he would like the City to start an Electronics Recycling program to occur every 2 years.
- **Treasurers Report – Dee Howard:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **D'tails Dog Grooming:** Motion by Brad Davis, seconded by Sean McCormick to approve D'tails Dog Grooming Business District Grant up to \$5000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch and Sean McCormick No nay. Motion carried.
- **Cemetery Building Update:** Mayor Bobell wanted to get the Council's opinion on the proposed Cemetery Building and what direction they want to go in. The Council discussion

leaned towards not wanting to spend a lot of money to make it a chapel and to spend money on the building / roof to make it safe and secure for future use by the Public Works Department for storing lawn equipment, etc. Mayor Bobell would notify Mick Cyrulik of the Council's decision.

- **Property Tax Sale:** Mayor Bobell wanted Paula to set up an account with the IL Property Tax Sale website to bid on the property located at 117 E. McDonald St. and hopefully acquire this property with a low bid, then proceed with the demo, etc. The on-line auction takes place on August 7, 2026.

Other Business;

- Mayor Bobell wanted to share information from Jordan Klein with the Council regarding the possibility of hiring an outside consulting firm to review the process and procedures for grants issued by the EDPB in conjunction with the City Council and the Business District plan. This will be added to the July 28, 2026, agenda.
- Mayor Bobell said that the BP Mart / Phillips 66 renovation project to be added to the Jul 28, 2026 agenda.

Public Comments - Non-Agenda:

Executive Session:

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

Paula Holcomb