

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, July 26, 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: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Joe Butler, Wyatt Waterkotte, Dee Howard, and Mr. & Mrs. Rich Edwards.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to approve Consent Agenda Items: Minutes, Claims & Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments: No Comments.

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Tony would like to purchase a program called Lexipol. He feels it would be an asset in keeping up with state and federal policy changes. It has other things that would be beneficial such as training scenarios. The Williamsville police department has the program. Steve Mason is looking into it for the fire department. Tony thought maybe one of the grants could help pay for it.
- **Public Works Matt Presswood:** The catch basin on Lafayette Street is finished. They'll start work on the one across from the Post Office next. The tree trimming and removal list is getting long. Matt will rent the lift after the Fall Festival and knock out as much as possible. The hunt is still going for a 2-ton truck. The one in Clinton has been sold. Matt would like the council to give him an allotment so he can purchase one without waiting for approval. He's asking for \$85,000.00. Council approved the request.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

MFT bid for work on the north side of the high school came in to high. Matt along with Farnsworth felt it was best to reject the bid. They will rebid again next year and hope for more bidders. Matt will focus on oil and chipping the streets. Mayor Bobell stated he hates to see them sit and do nothing. Matt assured him they will work on the catch basins. Tim asked about crack sealing. Matt said that is something to do in fall with the cooler weather. Matt is getting extra material to store just in case he needs it this winter. They don't make the material after a certain time.

Due to an erroneous error on the mayor's part, the vote for reconsideration of the solid waste bid at the June 21st meeting is not valid. Dan Smock had asked for a recount, but it was not on the agenda.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to Reconsider Vote on Solid Waste Bid. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Answering nay was Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to accept bid from GFL to begin Municipal Waste Contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Answering nay was Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

New Business:

With an open seat on the council Mayor Bobell would like to appoint Joe Butler to fill the spot. He feels Joe will be a great addition.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve the appointment of Joe Butler as Alderman. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Answering nay was Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

Every year the city gives money to Christmas on Vinegar Hill from Business District Appropriations. Last year somehow it was approved but never made it to the next step. Everything is already paid. they have not been reimbursed.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve COVH 2021 Business District Reimbursement. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Joe Butler. Answering nay was Tim Emrick.

Motion carried. Motion by Brad Davis, second by Dan Smock to appropriate \$4,000.00 to COVH 2022 Business District. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Joe Butler. Answering nay was Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Kate Davis, to approve \$642.39 to Community Association for Square Beautification 2021 Out of Business District Tax. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Joe Butler. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Brad asked if Dee Howard could attend the council meeting after the EDB meetings to give updates. Dee agreed to that.

Public Comments:

Rich Edwards addressed the council at the last meeting wanting exemption to enter onto Vine Street off Monroe to get to property off Coogan's alley. He goes twice a day.

Wyatt Waterkotte extended his thanks to the city for getting the FCCLA sign for Mikayla Harris. He said Paula does a fantastic job.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session: