

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, March 11, 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: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, Director of Public Works, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair, Kevin Hughes, and Michelle Hagenbuch

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

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported he has been following up on the Hilltop Storage fire. On Wednesday, March 5th, retired State Fire Marshall Steve Mason with Mt. Pulaski Fire and Rescue and Chief West met with Rick Jackson from the NICB (National Crime Insurance Bureau) at the Dewitt County Impound Lot where a truck matching the description of our structure fire located in Dewitt County Tuesday, February 25, 2025 was burnt up. Steve Mason contacted Clinton Fire Department and between Rick and them they were able to provide a partial VIN from the frame of the pickup truck. Clinton Fire Department removed the rear passenger door, front passenger seat and a section of the passenger floor to get to the frame rail. They continued to work approximately 4 hours in the cold, wet weather to recover four digits and part of another one. Chief West gave Officer Laura Howard, with the Secretary of State Police, what partial VIN they recovered, and she was able to locate a previous owner. Chief West spoke to the previous owner who provided him with whom he sold the truck to. He is following up on that lead.

Monday, March 10th, the Mt. Pulaski Police Department received a complaint of dog abuse at the corner of W. Jefferson and N. Mason streets. Logan County Animal Control and Chief West spoke with the owner and educated him on how to properly care for an animal.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood, reports they have been doing some street work. Demolition of Vinegar Hill has been scheduled to begin May 1st. Matt is waiting to hear from Seth of Milano on the sidewalk proposal. Mayor Bobell asked if there were

plans for the sidewalk from Chestnut St to the PB gas station. Matt said there is a difference of \$30,000 from one side over the other. He will send an email to Council for their opinions.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurer's report. She must wait to get reports from the bank to work on her reports due to not being on the account. The mayor said they will get that taken care of.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Bobell opened the sealed bids for the partial demolition of 104 S. Washington. There were three bids turned in.

JA Shroyer Group, from Muncy Indiana, turned in a bid of \$86,750.00. There was no mention of wall repairment in the bid.

Littleton Storm & Timber Services, INC, Jacksonville, IL, turned in a bid of \$62,000.00

Jaren Industries, INC, Springfield, IL, turned in a bid of \$77,500.00

Mayor Bobell pointed out Kevin Hughes from Jaren Industries was present to answer any questions. John Aylesworth asked if he didn't have the wall repair mentioned in his bid if he would still do it. Kevin replied yes that he's been in the business long enough to know that if it's in the bid you do it.

After more discussion the council decided to go with Jaren Industries, the reason being they were the only one with a complete bid and addressed the cracked wall.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Kate Davis, to approve bid from Jaren Industries, Inc for the amount of \$77,500.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Bobell, Paula Holcomb, and Jake Zambaldi were the only ones who attended the TIF Joint Review Board meeting. Paula will send minutes to council members.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk