

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Jordan Klein. Roll call was taken. Present were Randy Hagenbuch, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Absent was Mayor Bobell and Sean McCormick. Also present were Chief, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Jordan Klein led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jordan then opened the floor to nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. All aldermen were in favor of Brad Davis.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to elect Brad Davis as Mayor Pro-Tem. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Recognition of Guests: Michelle Hagenbuch and Bella Butler

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West has been doing several golf cart inspections. He said next year they will have to have body cameras. Two body cameras and a car camera were purchased last year. The body cameras had to be sent out for repairs a couple of weeks ago. Tony is concerned with the amount of time it takes for repairs so he would like to pick up a couple more. He stated they must keep video footage for 90 days which makes storage an issue. Tony stated Maroa uses a company that costs \$50,000 for 5 years and they send it to the cloud where they can send it to courts right away.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reported he received road salt but he has to get more yet for the year. Next year he will not have to buy so much. He has signage for Frazier Park that states no alcohol permitted as well as the hours it is open. He has spoken to Farnsworth regarding plans for the park.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

New Business: IMRF Resolution has been tabled until the next meeting.

The next items on the agenda are 200 E Wayne, 313 N Washington, and 405 W Morgan, all being vacant properties. Joe wanted clarification on any criteria for abandoned housing. Jordan explained that if the taxes are being paid then it is not considered abandoned. After further discussion Chief West will draft a letter be mailed to the owners letting them know the city has concerns about the condition of their property.

Joe would like to extend the school zone south on E. Cooke St to S. Scott St. He said there are no sidewalks to get out of the way for the buses.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch to extend the school zone south on E. Cooke St. to S. Scott St. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Council talked last April/May about replacing or adding sidewalks in town. Mayor Bobell had asked for a list of sidewalks needed to be repaired or added. There hasn't been any news from the Safe Route project. Joe wants to know with their being so many sidewalks needed repaired or added if there was a route they want to take. Matt feels the sidewalk project from Chestnut St to the gas stations should be done first since Vine St will be redone this year. John suggested they get someone to dig the sidewalks out that are overgrown.

Matt has been working with a company to look at storm drains and do mapping of the drainage system. The company refuses to do the job as whole they want an hourly rate. He is in the works of talking with Grimloh and they can do the mapping at a cost of \$7-\$10,000. Mayor Bobell said that will be money well spent. Matt would like it done before the construction on Vine Street begins.

Joe wanted an update on the timeline for projects at Frazier Park. Matt said he has been in contact with Farnsworth and they are working on designs for the building, Matt hopes to have them before May. Matt is also working on getting a grant to help offset the cost. The plan is to put a parking area for golf carts in and close off the road so people can't drive all the way around the park. He's wanting some playground equipment where the batting cage is.

Old Business: No old business.

Other Business: John asked if the MFT has been sent in yet for the Vine Street project. Matt said it already been submitted. IAW will be replacing storm drains on Vine St. before work begins.

Public Comments: 2nd Fridays will be starting again in May.

Adjourn: Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Joe Butler, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk

