

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Matt Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Tina Gist and Micky Stoltzenburg

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Sean McCormick, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and April 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:** Chief West reports:
 - 5/4/2026 – Complaint of an Illegal Dumping at 219 N. Marion Street
 - 5/4/2026 – Complaint of Dogs running loose from 106 N. Marion Street
 - 5/5/2026 – Spoke with homeowner at 321 S. Vine Street about grass height and provided them with a list of Lawn Care providers.
 - 5/7/2026 – Complaint at 415 S. Washington St on an Illegal Burning
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reports they are patching roads. He has been working on getting grants for drains around the square, researching tree work that needs to be hired out, and keeping up on grass mowing. They have also been helping Pam Larson out at Frazier Park. There are two working stop lights at the library but the two by Randy Hagenbuch's are not working. They did find out the tornado siren had not been working due to it not being hooked up to generator power. That will be fixed.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the report.

Old Business: The MFT project was discussed at the previous meeting. John Aylesworth feels some streets aren't that bad and he's not in favor of spending all the money on all streets. They need to spend more on concrete roads that need tore up and redone. Matt said they can mill it down and asphalt or cut out and fix the problem areas. Seal coat hadn't been done for 15 years and they're trying to get back on schedule. Sean McCormick states storm drains are falling all over town. Matt said it's from them boring through drains and settling. Mayor Bobell said it sounds like council isn't on board, so they'll talk more before voting. Brad Davis wants more of

a plan. John Aylesworth wants to know if it makes a difference in cost of different parts of town needs more. Matt responded no. Kate Davis would like to allocate more to concrete. Mayor Bobell would like Randy and Ed to sit down with Matt and find asphaltting streets that need fixed the most. The sidewalk on Jefferson and Cooke Street needs to be redone due to vandalism.

Matt Presswood was not present at the previous meeting to give his thoughts on which lawn mower he preferred. Matt said the Scag and Exmark were they two they were leaning toward, and they're comparable.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve purchase of New Mower, Scag at \$16,243.22. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

New Business: It's time to renew the Engagement Letter with JM Abbott & Associates. Paula and Dee are pleased with their services and would like to continue with them.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by John Aylesworth, to approve the Engagement Letter with JM Abbott & Associates - \$1,750.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

Tina Gist is present to talk about draining issues on her property on East McDonald Street. Since filling in the ditches anytime there is heavy rain, their basement which has been waterproofed had a foot of water in it. It took five days to get the water out. She said there is so much debris in the culverts that they cannot drain properly. Brad Davis wanted to know if the problem was dirt or if it had nowhere to go. Matt Presswood answered both, but the problem is it's IDOT not the city's responsibility. Mayor Bobell asked Matt to contact them to get it fixed.

Micky Stoltzenburg said the city dug the ditches out years ago and now she can't mow them because they're too deep. She said there is a brick sidewalk that goes through there so it must be city property. Mayor Bobell again asked that all the council members call IDOT to get it flushed out.

Other Business: SRTS has started with sidewalks, there is equipment everywhere.

Memorial Day services will be May 25th at 10:00 am at the cemetery in town.

Matt Presswood informed council the city has been awarded a \$250 million grant for Phase II.

Public Comments – Non Agenda:

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk

