

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, May 26, 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: John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and Ed Anderson. 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: Jessica Leavitt

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

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reports:
 - 5/18/2026 – Accident involving two vehicles on North Topper Drive and Elkhart Black Top with minor injuries. Both vehicles were towed. Citation issued for Failure to Reduce Speed
 - 5/20/2026 – Received a FOIA Request for arrest records from Aug 1- Sept 30, 2025
 - 5/21/2026 – Standby at 203 N. Vine Street
 - 5/24/2026 – Standby at S. Marion StreetChief West has sent pictures of 219 N Marion street to Jordan Klein for court on Thursday, May 28th.

- **Director of Public Work:** Matt reports all the banners have been hung around the square and on Vine Street. He has gotten positive feedback. The banners on Vine Street can only face one way due to the guideline. The steps have been placed on the east side of the square and are removable for winter storage. The SRTS sidewalks are going up quickly. The tree in front of the library had to be cut down so the sidewalk could be poured correctly. Matt was hoping to get a grant ready for storm sewer work in town but there isn't enough time to get it written well enough. The grant is worth up to \$1.5 million. They are going to wait and do it right. The sidewalk on Jefferson and Cooke Streets has been fixed.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Jessica Leavitt was present to express her concerns on the safety of mowing the steep slope in front of her house and boulevard access. She provided pictures and information for the council. She has contacted several lawn mowing services, and they have all declined to mow it. She would like the city to either rip rap that area or come up with a better solution. Jessica would like stairs to go up to her house as well for easy access. Mayor Bobell read the Ordinance stating it is the responsibility of the homeowner to take care of boulevards. He agrees it is not a normal boulevard. He would recommend rip rap. Matt Presswood is afraid of setting a standard for others. Sean McCormick is concerned with kids falling and getting hurt on the rip rap. Mayor Bobell would like to see the cost of rip rap and go from there. He is not willing to do the stairs as it is not the city's responsibility. Matt Presswood will check on the rip rap and other solutions. Jessica asked if she was still obligated to mow it at which Mayor Bobell said yes. Matt Presswood said he should have some news by the next meeting.

Phoenix Fire Department would like to increase the amount of donations for fireworks this year due to it being the 250th Anniversary of the United States,

Motion by Randy Hagenbuch, second by Sean McCormick, to approve Fireworks Donation to Phoenix Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and Ed Anderson. Abstaining was John Aylesworth.

Sparks Business Works has completed the audit for ADA Compliance on the city website. Brad Davis questioned why the company we have contracted for our website isn't doing it themselves. Mayor Bobell will review their contract and see what it says. The deadline for compliance is 2027.

Other Business: There will be a Logan County Tourism meeting this Thursday at the Old Brickyard at 6:00 pm.

The property of 117 E McDonald streets taxes is up. The city hopes to purchase the property and have the deeds before the next meeting. Bidding will then go out to demolish it.

Public Comments – Non Agenda: Events for 2nd Friday on the Square can be found on Facebook along with posters around town.

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk

