

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
Google meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
6:30pm

Google Meeting

Meeting ID: meet.google.com/vfn-jxtc-yfu

Phone Number: 1-779-707-1283

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Present: Mayor Bobell, City Attorney Jordan Klein, Alderman Emrick, Maxheimer, Neaville and Phillips, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Chief of Police Tony West

Absent: Alderman Rentmeister and Smock

Recognition of Guests:

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Bobell presided.

A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**; Claims and accounts and the minutes from the previous meeting. Roll Call - voting yea, Emrick, Neaville & Phillips – voting no, Maxheimer- the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** The department is responding to calls, responding differently during this time trying to keep everyone's safety at the front. Tony received an announcement from the FBI about some COVID-19 fraud. Tony wants to remind everyone about fake e-mails and people trying to sell test kits. If you see any of this contact the police department.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Lift station 2 is not functioning do to the wind storm that came through on Wednesday. A claim with the insurance is being worked on.

The City has two (2) used pickup trucks for sale. This has been advertised as a sealed bid. Bids are being accepted up to the second meeting of this month. City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated at the next meeting there needs to be a vote on an ordinance declaring these as surplus.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$71, 854.69
The departments need to start thinking about a budget for the next fiscal year, asking them to be mindful on upcoming projects as we do not know how COVID-19 will effect next year's financials.

Old Business:

New Business: Lorah Hoe stated the **EAB started a COVID-19 business relief grant** allocating up to \$50,000.00 from the community donation money. Each business can get up to \$2,500.00. To find the

application for this business relief grant go to the Economic advisory board website or on the first page of the City website. The application can be e-mailed or dropped off.

Mayor Bobell stated the State has been sending information out about several different programs that they are trying to get out to the businesses.

Mayor Bobell stated the **Logan County Economic Development Partnership** made a contribution request for \$3,000.00 for Bill Thomas' service. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the contribution request of \$3,000.00 to the Logan County Economic Development Partnership. Roll Call- voting yea- Maxheimer and Neaville – voting no – Emrick, and Phillips, the motion failed.

Mayor Bobell stated the following **business district appropriations** have been approve from the EAB. Mt. Pulaski Business Association for \$1,000.00 for yearly decorating and maintenance of the 11 flower pots within the business district, Mt. Pulaski Business Association for \$1,789.00 for a sign on Route 121 advertising businesses within Mt. Pulaski and The Hilltop Club for \$4, 527.90 for a new awning for the front of the building at 106 E. Cooke St. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the business district appropriations. Roll Call – all voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated City Attorney, Jordan Klein is reviewing the **resolution for the sewer surcharge** of \$4.00 moving forward for capital improvements. City Attorney, Jordan Klein recommends increasing the sewer bill base rate rather than add a sewer surcharge since there are no official projects on the books right now. Mayor Bobell would like the council to direct a charge to the water and sewer committee to come up with different options.

Matt Presswood state a **MTF resolution** was prepared by himself and The Farnsworth Group. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the MFT resolution. Roll Call – All voting yea –the motion carried.

Alderman Neaville stated the boxcast streaming is set up for automatic renewal for \$240.00 per year. Boxcast streaming is used to stream the meeting video to YouTube. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Neaville to approve the boxcast streaming renewal. Roll Call – all voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business:

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Maxheimer and seconded by Alderman Neaville to **adjourn** the meeting. Roll Call - all voting yea—the motion carried.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk