

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30pm

A public appropriation meeting was held at 6:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Alderman Smock

Recognition of Guests:

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Bobell presided. Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**; Claims and accounts and the minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** The department is working on ordinance violations.

Alderman Emrick asked if it was legal for The Lucky Lager to block off the sidewalk all week. Police Chief West stated the sidewalk could be left open during the week and then block it off during the weekend. Police Chief West will talk with the owner Tyler White.

- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** The McDonald street culvert work is complete. Matt Presswood has been in contact with the engineer at Farnsworth and IDOT still has not given approval from MFT. Some projects have been started. The mini excavator will be returned next week. Matt will look into renting Mark Carlin's machine to get some oil and chipping done. Matt stated another 12 ton of patch has been purchased.
- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$17,732.29

Tricia gave a letter to the council from **Sally turner consultant**. Sally has calculated **levy numbers**. Tricia would like the council to review this. This item of business will be added to the next council meeting.

Old Business: Mayor Bobell opened the floor to discussion on the **EJ Water assessment and the Hartman Consulting assessment**. Alderman Emrick stated to do due diligence he feels opening up request for proposal with Hartman Consultant is the way to go. This would be a research tool to see what is out there. Alderman Maxheimer and Phillips agreed this is the way to move forward. Mayor Bobell stated he agrees this is the best move forward. City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated his fee for this will be a sizable increase as well as the \$10,000.00 for Hartman Consultant.

A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the **request for proposal with Hartman Consulting**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

New Business: Mayor Bobell stated there is no **business district appropriation** at this time.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to approve the **FY21 appropriation ordinance** as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Bobell stated he is looking to bring on a new **office administration employee** to take some of the duties. With additions to the everyday duties Mayor Bobell would like to expand the role to grant writing and marketing. Lorah Hoe is the candidate, this would be an extension from the Economic Advisory Board.

Alderman Maxheimer stated she has been approached about **stop signs by Zion Lutheran**. The council is in agreement to put a stop sign East and West on Cooke St. and Garden St.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel for 30 mins. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Maxheimer and seconded by Alderman Emrick to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Phillips to **approve the expanded role/hire of Lorah Hoe to the City Hall office administration** for 5 to 10 hrs/week. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to **approve a pay raise for Sandy Bowles** as discussed. All voting yea – the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to **adjourn** the meeting. All voting yea—the motion carried.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk