

Mt. Pulaski City

Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Davis, Phillips and Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests: Larry Cyrulik, Mike Patridge, Eric Larson, Greg Maus and Brian Adams

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

Approval of Consent Agenda: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the bills as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Maxheimer and seconded by Alderman Emrick to approve the bills and minutes. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda items Only: Larry Cyrulik asked why the City would sell the water/sewer system. Mayor Bobell stated the City has had runs in with the EPA and the attorney general. The city must either fix the problem or build a water treatment plant. Larry asked that the people are made aware, suggested putting a referendum on the ballot, and let the citizens' vote.

Report by Officer:

Police Chief West: Tony stated the golf cart ordinance is complete. The application will be available at City Hall. Each driver will sign a waiver. The golf carts will be inspected and after passing the inspection the permit card will be given. An active shooter drill was done at each school. All went well.

Director of Public Works: Matt stated there is a force main meeting set up for this Thursday. Station #3 will be finished up soon as the parts should be arriving tomorrow.

The leave vac program is moving right along. The new patch machine will be here after the first of the year.

City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth: Tricia stated there are no deposits at this time as it is still early in the month.

Old Business:

Mayor Bobell stated he would like to city to donate \$2,000.00 to the **Work Camp for Lincoln**. They have applied for a \$5,000.00 grant from the EDPB, which will be decided by the board in January if they qualify for the grant. The City will hold off the donation until they receive word

on the grant application. The City will get the word out to residents on how they can apply for help.

Mayor Bobell stated Valerie with Estes, Bridgewater and Ogden is unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the **audit FY 2019-2020**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the city had previously verbally committed in 2019 to \$65,000.00 for the **121-highway entrance**. Mayor Bobell feels it is the cities responsibility for the entrance. The funds could come from the TIF or the business district or 50/50 from those accounts. This project has not been put out for bid yet.

Mayor Bobell stated that under the advisement of our building inspector the cities **building code ordinance** needs to be updated from the 2006 to more current. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Emrick to change **4-1-1 adoption of codes** international building, fire, mechanical, fuel gas, property maintenance, energy conservation, residential and Illinois accessibility code to the current 2018. All voting yea – the motion carried.

New Business: Business District Appropriation: None currently

City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated our consultant Jerry has made a **water/sewer bids recommendation** to accept the bid from American Illinois Water. Jerry has issued a confidential report to the city.

Alderman Maxheimer stated there needs to be a town hall meeting. Mayor Bobell stated with the mitigations that are currently in place there cannot be more than 25 people. Mayor Bobell stated education to the public is much needed.

Mayor Bobell stated there are at least a dozen trees on the cut list. Matt Presswood stated the city does not have the proper equipment, as the trees are too large. A bid was received from Bakers for \$3100.00 to cut four (4) trees. Mayor Bobell stated the council agrees for the **tree cutting appropriation**. Matt Presswood will be in contact with Bakers.

Mayor Bobell stated The American Legion has been used to conduct council meetings free of charge. Mayor Bobell would like the city to consider **donating \$1000.00 to The American Legion**. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Emrick to donate \$1000.00 to The American Legion. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated for the city to keep the AREA recycling containers here in town there would have to be an increase of the **solid waste fee**. The fee will have to go from \$.76 to \$2.39. The council agrees to eliminate the AREA recycling service currently and remove the solid waste fee.

Other Business:

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to exit regular session and enter executive session for 10 mins to discuss water/sewer bids. All voting yea – the motion carried.

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

Mayor Bobell state there was no action taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to adjourn. All voting yea – the motion carried.

City Clerk – Kelly Cowan