

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Randy Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Tim Emrick. Dan Smock was absent. Also present were Officer West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair, Michelle Hagenbuch, Sandy Bowles, Helen Schmidt, John & Tricia Aylesworth, Barry Leach, Jim King, and Brad & Sheila Aylesworth.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Tim Emrick. No nay. Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported a car had been stolen from a residence on S. Washington Street late at night. It was an antique type of car. Joe Butler mentioned a trailer that parks on Vine Street. He asked if there was a code violation on visibility. There is a code 8-1-7.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported the leaf vac broke down on Saturday. It should be up and running on Thursday. The tree trimming on the east side of town is done and the tree removal is going well. The new skid steer will be delivered this week. Matt will be taking down the power boxes around the square as well as the banners. They will put up the Christmas decorations. Matt will have a tree list for the mayor at the next meeting. Paula stated Sandy has been working hard on the tree list narrowing things down.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee went over the treasure report. She talked about ending the water/sewer fund and where they would like to move the money to. The Illinois Fund was discussed. The Appropriation is due the first of December. Mayor Bobell would like to be sent out to the council within 4-5 days before the next meeting. Dee reviewed the Annual Treasurers Report.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Kate Davis, to approve the Annual Treasurers Report as presented Period Ending May 31, 2021. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy

Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Tim Emrick. No nay. Motion carried.

New Business: Jim King had some questions about the new garbage service with GFL. He doesn't understand why picking the trash up on the streets doesn't wear on the roads like the alleys, and how are snow blows going to work. Jim wondered how the city can mandate without asking first. Mayor Bobell read the ordinance and said it was not a consensus but a 4-6 as required to pass. Kate stated recycling was charged to everyone in town even if they weren't using it. Jim said he feels they are forcing a bill on him that he did not ask for. He asked why the city doesn't use millings to build up the alleys. Matt Presswood said all trash service will be going to curbside service only and we are getting recycling in this process. He also explained to Jim that streets have a different base than alleys.

John Aylesworth addressed the council next. He said Tricia had been going to the meetings regarding trash service. She came home one night and said it was over it had been voted down. The next thing they knew it was back. John was upset there was no communication. Nothing was sent out on the ordinance or the contract letting the public know what is going on. He also worries how older people are going to get their totes to the street. He feels the alleys are in bad shape due to no maintenance being done to them other than throwing rock out. In response to Kate's remark on paying for recycling that you don't use, he says we're still paying for it now if you don't use it.

Barry Leach doesn't want containers at his home when he uses his dumpster at his shop. The contract states everyone in town must have service. He pointed out that there are empty houses with containers sitting at them. He also said GFL picked up the fire departments containers that didn't belong to them. Mayor said the fire department is not a residence so that are not required to have them. While on the topic of the fire department, Barry asked that every residence have reflective house numbers on their homes to make it easier for emergency vehicles to see. Brad Aylesworth was the last to speak on the trash service. He wanted to know what legal action the city will take against citizens who don't want the service, and what the timeline is. GFL is required to handle billing. By virtue, everyone has to have an account so it is up to GGL what they want to do. If those refusing service has trash all over then the city would step in. Brad also would like something sent out to everyone.

Mayor Bobell said the city is not collecting a franchise fee. He also let everyone know this is a contract that will expire in 5 years and does not have to be renewed.

Liquor license addition was discussed at the last meeting. There is a gentleman who is interested in opening a CanCun restaurant in the old Subway building. If he wants to sell alcohol, he will need a liquor license. Mayor Bobell wants the council to be aware of what needs to be done if approved. Right now the city is maxed out on them so they will have to change the code. If the gentleman wants gaming that will have to be changed as well.

Old Business: None

Other Business: None

Public Comments – Non-Agenda: None

Executive Session:

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to enter Executive Session for discussion of Personnel Pay Raises – 20 minutes. Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Joe Butler, to exit Executive Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action being taken a motion to adjourn was made.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk