

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The City Hall  
Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order, and roll call was taken.

**Present:** Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Kate Davis. Also present were Police Chief, Tony West, and Public Works Director, Matt Presswood.

**Absent:** Darin Phillips and Brad Davis.

Mayor Bobell then led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Jim Birge, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Wyatt Waterkotte.

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported he is still working on ordinance violations.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:**
- **Water/Sewer:** The alarm systems are due for a hardware update at the end of February. AT&T charges \$250.00 per radio. Matt stated if we are selling in December, he doesn't think they'll be needed. Dan thinks it would be a good idea to keep one. Matt stated that they would call him if things went wrong. He also said if they make the upgrade to 5G it will not work. The closing date is set for December 17<sup>th</sup>. The last reading date will be a six-week period.
- **Streets/Alley:** Leaf collecting is still going on and things are working great. The sidewalk work at the high school is coming along nicely.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell read the treasure's report. He thinks he may have someone interested in the Treasurer position.

**Old Business:** Jim Birge is present to speak on behalf of advertising for The Market on the Hill. The Market is asking the Business District Appropriations to pay for the advertisement. Jim talked about how not having a grocery store in town and the impact of it. It is nice for the elderly to have a place in town, so they do not have to drive a distance for groceries. Most residents do not keep the Market in mind when they need something. The advertisement was to help keep the Market going. Therefore, they felt it

appropriate to ask the Business District Appropriations to pay for it. Tim Emrick questioned if they were given \$5,000 in May, and why they are asking for more now. Jim stated it takes time to build up a business and if it does not get help it will fail. Tim questioned if shareholders do not get money they come to the city. After further discussion, the question was asked if it is within the city's right to advertise all businesses in town. Mayor Bobell suggested hiring someone to do that. Jim stated he would be happy to do the leg work to help. Mayor Bobell ended the conversation stating the Council feels paying for the advertisement does not fit the plan at this time.

On the topic of City Financial Plan, Mayor Bobell said Franklin Wade, with Edward Jones, should have something in a couple of weeks to present to the Council. The Council is still trying to figure out the best plan for the money coming in. Mayor Bobell has asked Tony West and Matt Presswood to make a wish list of things they want/need that they normally would not ask for. Matt Bobell would like a plan to reduce the amount of money the city takes from the community. This is something discussed every year. He would like to see the square done also. Jordan Klein should have a draft ordinance ready at the next meeting.

**New Business:** It is time to renew the contract with Frazier Park. No changes have been made to this contract since Mayor Bobell has been here. The city will pay \$3,000 toward mowing. Tim questioned if the city would be mowing since they have more time now. Matt said he has been asked why they don't give it to the school. The council feel the school would benefit from it the most as well as have the funds to keep it up. This has been tabled until they can talk to Mr. Lamkey, as well as Board members.

**Other Business:** The city Christmas Party will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Brickyard.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion carried

Anna Beckers – City Clerk