Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Matt Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also, present was Chief of Police, Tony West, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard, Treasurer.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Guests: Amanda Scattergood, Susan McCain, and Bishop Patel

Bishop Patel runs the BP and is present to talk about the renovations to the business. He would like assistance paying for the renovations. They were not planning on the concrete needing to be replaced so the pricing went up. IDOT will cover some of the concrete. BP will be a Phillips 66 and will offer 3 different types of fuel. The outside as well as the inside will be remodeled. Mayor Bobell said the TIF fund will help with curbside. All council members were in agreement to help. Bishop hopes to have remodeling done by Thanksgiving and the gas by Christmas. EDPB is having a meeting tomorrow night and will go over Bishop's grant. Dee Howard would like information on the awning.

Jessica Wilkins is present to request several streets that are unmarked to be evaluated for signage. Mayor Bobell states Chief West has checked on them. He said other than N. Lafayette and Harry St, the others have never had an accident reported. Chief West said it's up to drivers to yield but that doesn't mean they will obey. He will have some signs put up. Mayor Bobell said he understands the city has responsibility, but you can put lights, speed signs, and people will still run them. It's the parent's responsibility if the child is to young. Jessica asked for communication on what's being done.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and September Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West**: Chief West introduced Mt. Pulaski Police Officer Lukasz Maslanka to the council. We are thankful to have him working for Mt. Pulaski P.D. Lukasz started on Thursday, October 1, 2026. He worked for the Decatur P.D. for the last 2 years. Officer West provided council with quotes from All Traffic Solutions and Elan City for the digital solar signs. Alderman Brad Davis request that he look around for the

portable digital signs that can transport from different areas of town. Chief West also looked up the last 5 years intersection accidents and came up with two accidents at N. Lafayette and E. Harry St in town. He will continue to look at the unmarked intersections that Jessica McCain has brought to our attention in town. Jessica has asked the city to consider putting up Yield or Stop signs at these unmarked intersections. Here is the Illinois Statue for approaching unmarked intersections:

Vehicles Approaching Unmarked Intersections

(625 ILCS 5/11-901) (frp, Ch.95 ½, par. 11-901)

Sec. 11-901. Vehicles approaching or entering intersection.

(a) When 2 vehicles approach or enter an intersection from different roadways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

- **Director of Public Work:** Matt Presswood gave everyone a summary of what they have been doing. They have been doing pothole patching on various streets, replaced 15 stop signs, excavated and prepped 2 areas for sidewalk replacement, disposed excavated concrete, mowing city properties, started parking area enlargement at the grade school, parking and crosswalk painting, several jobs at Frazier Park, monthly landscape waste collection, filling and seeding various tree stump removal areas. Matt states the parking in front of the grade school is to shallow for bigger cars and trucks. They are going to make the area where the trees were removed part of the parking area, extending it 18-24" deeper for larger cars and trucks. They will use concrete parking stops covered with rubber. There will be no parking in front on days they're working on it.

  Matt asked John Aylesworth if they still have breathable air tanks as he is still getting bills for 3 tanks, John replied no they don't.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the report

Old Business:

New Business: The contract with GFL will be expiring soon. Randy Hagenbuch wants to know what they will do. He thinks the prices are going to go up once it expires. Council would like to review the contract. Mayor Bobell states you must notify them 90 days in advance to review the contract.

Dee Howard is still working on Draft Appropriations. She has moved some things around for better tracking. They will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

There are some questions that council has on the 2027 Tax Levy so no action will be taken tonight.

Other Business: The city should be getting a check from Woods & Bates by the end of the week.

Public Comments – Non Agenda: Jessica wanted some clarification on SRTS sidewalk. Mayor Bobell explained there was a grant for them and it's a 5-year project. He also said you can keep applying for grants.

Dee said there is an EDPB meeting tomorrow. She asked if it would be possible for the city to purchase flowers for the pots around the square. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Brad Davis, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk