

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, October 25, 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: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present were Officer West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Barb Morris, Hayden Morris, Marla Blair, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Wyatt Waterkotte.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Joe Butler, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items Claims, Accounts, and Amend August 23, 2022 Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Dan Smock, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West had nothing to report on tonight. The roof on the Vinegar Hill building is falling in more. Tim asked if he had more violations lately. He stated no he has not. Officer West is still waiting to hear on his new car.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported leaf season started on Monday. He has the rented the lift and they have had to cut two trees down due to being hollow. If the trees are hollow, they will cut them down right then and there. The work on drains is ongoing. Matt spoke with Farnsworth and he's ready to close out MFT. He would like to do total resurfacing of Vine Street. A community member has complained about the lighting around the square not being bright enough. Ameren will be replacing lights throughout the town with LED. Joe said looking at the revamping drawings with lantern style lights he feels they may need more of them. Tim is concerned how many times they will have to replace broken globes due to vandalism. Mayor Bobell stated they will have to make sure Ameren will take of them. Matt then reported on the progress of the manhole covers by IAW. Tim questioned how many catch basins Matt was able to take care of this year. Matt replied only 3. Tim wanted to know how many he had planned on fixing. He said he hoped to get 10 done. Tim said more needs to be done if it means getting him more help. Matt said you can't get full time workers good luck getting part time help. Mayor Bobell would like Matt to try and get the tree work done and to call Bree to help him if he needs it. He has one person on leaf detail and three working on trees. There are 20 trees on the list to be cut down. They have hauled 80-95 loads of leaves away. It takes 3-4 days to do the whole town.

- **City Treasurer:** Dee is still working on appropriations.

Old Business: Representatives from the Top Hat Wind Farm were present again to answer any questions the council might have. Jordan added the 2% increase change to the Top Hat Wind Farm agreement. Tim is against the wind farm because of the infringement of city limits. He pointed out when they built the new addition on the high school how they said the city would grow, so why put windmills that close if you are expecting it to grow. Brad said he sees his point, but they are going to be outside enough. Dan also feels 1.5 allows for expansion.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Joe Butler, to approve Top Hat Wind Farm Agreement. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Answering nay: Tim Emrick and Dan Smock. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Other Business: There have been a few phone calls regarding GFL trash service. Some cannisters have been delivered in town. Randy has had a complaint from an elderly person about GFL helping older people move their cannisters to the road. Kate feels once GFL makes a round through town they can better work things out.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda: None

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

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk