

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, October 8, 2024
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: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, Dee Howard and Jordan Klein. Absent was Kate Davis.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Michelle Hagenbuch and Marla Blair

Mayor Bobell let Ryan Green, of DIGS to address the council so he didn't have to stay longer. Ryan is working with area landowners who would like to put a tile in to help alleviate the water from running onto their fields. He is wanting the city to help with the cost of putting the tile in. The cost of the project is \$530,000.00. Ryan is asking the city to pay \$80,000. Unlike the farmers, the city will gain nothing by putting the tile in. Jordan Klein has some concerns with the project. After further discussion the city declined.

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported new body cameras will be coming in this week. They are also getting tazers through a grant.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reported they are still working on catch basins. Leaf collection will begin soon as will crack sealing. Ameren has abated 104 S. Washington. Demolition should begin soon. Once that is done, they'll move to Vinegar Hill.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

New Business: The Appropriations FY2024-25 is complete and will be posted for 30 days.

Brad Davis has asked about pay raises for elected officials. He gave information on current pay to the aldermen. The raises must be made no later than 180 days before the next elected are seated. Brad suggested a raise of \$10,000 for Mayor, \$7,000 for City Clerk, \$6,000 for City Treasurer, and \$75-80 per meeting for Aldermen. The council were all in agreement to raise the treasurer to \$7,000 and the Aldermen to \$80.00 per meeting (must be in attendance).

Motion by Brad Davis, second John Aylesworth, to approve Pay Raises for Elected Officials per Ordinance as follows:

Mayor- \$10,000

City Clerk - \$7,000

City Treasurer - \$7,000

Alderman - \$80.00 per meeting (must be in attendance)

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Sean McCormick. No nay. Motion carried.

Ed Anderson asked about replacing the 2003 1-ton truck and the 2004 ½-ton pickup truck. He has been looking at how much money has been spent on keeping them running. Matt Presswood has been looking at some and has found a couple ¾ ton 4-wheel drive Fords. They are loaded with flashing lights on top for \$50,000 per truck. Due to going through a consortium no bid is necessary.

Old Business: None

Other Business: John asked if the roofing job on city hall was complete yet. Matt said they're waiting for the flashing and then they'll be finished.

Public Comments: Stray cats are becoming a problem in town. Logan County will not trap strays. If a citizen catches one, they will take it. Larry Wilham has been paid by the city to trap animals.

Michelle Hagenbuch said Christmas on the Vinegar Hill has 4 food vendors lined up. December 7th is

Executive Session:

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk