

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The City Hall
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken.

Present: Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. Also present were Officer West and Matt Presswood

Absent: Kate Davis and Dan Smock

Mayor Bobell led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Donnie Neale and Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve the Consent Agenda items, Minutes, Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported the Vinegar Hill property has partially been secured. The property is still very dangerous with several loose bricks. Brady Thomas is out on his own now. Doug's retirement party was a success.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:**
- **Water/Sewer:** Not a lot to report on. The city needs to invest in a new truck. It's getting too old and has difficulty pulling a full load. Matt Presswood said if they could find a used one that would be great.
- **Streets/Alley:** Matt would like to get the FY22 Motor Fuel wrapped up this week. He asked the Council if they had any suggestions on what to do with the money for FY22. Matt would like to work on the top 10 catch basins that need fixed. He anticipates a cost of \$100,000. The streets will not need to oil and chipped again for at least 5-10 years. Mayor Bobell agreed now is the time to do it.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell read the treasure's report.

Old Business: None

New Business: The second allotment of the ARPA grant will come in March. Mayor Bobell asked if the Council had any thoughts on using the money as a stimulus package for the community. They will have to turn in a report as soon as the money is spent. Jordan Klein said there are pretty stringent restrictions on how you can use the money.

There was a lengthy discussion last meeting on the condition of properties at 219 S. Washington St and 402 E Jefferson St. Jordan has a template letter ready. Mayor Bobell would like action from the council on both addresses.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to abate dangerous conditions 219 S. Washington St and 402 E Jefferson St. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Darin Phillips, to approve Tax Levy FY21-22 as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. No nay. Motion carried.

The Market on the Hill had some advertising done at a cost of \$5,000. Mayor Bobell thought that was a high. The EDPB wants the city to pay for it. Council members are concerned if they allow the Market then what is to keep the next business from wanting it also. They did pay for coolers for Jules Flower Shop, entrance to Johnson's Hardware from 121, and asphalted the parking lot for Downing, Przykopanski & May insurance. The parking lot is beneficial to business uptown. Brad Davis would like to see the Grant. Darin believes the community would understand. Jim Birge is going to attend a meeting to update the council on what's going on. Mayor Bobell would like this put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Jordan Klein has not heard back from Franklin Wade in regard to the investment policy. Mayor Bobell would like to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Business: American Water is wanting to add IAW as a 3rd party. Mayor Bobell doesn't feel that is necessary given IAW knew we had problems. Matt Presswood said we haven't had any spikes since the last time. We are not under any current violations. Rick Volle said the transfer of the pump station at VLC is ready to be done.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to enter Executive Session for discussion of Personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Darin Phillips, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to exit Executive Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

No action being taken, Mayor Bobell entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Randy Hagenbuch, second by Darin Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk

