

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, September 10, 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: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Also present were Chief of Police, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard and Jordan Klein.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Michelle Hagenbuch

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Sean McCormick, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and August 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:** None

**Reports by Officers**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported he is keeping up with ordinance violations. Noah has been busy watching in town and watching Route 121. Tony said the garage door went out this week as well.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt Presswood reports the new signs are in and will go up after Fall Festival, and they will also be patching streets. The roof on City Hall is 95% complete. Demolition at 104 S. Washington is still on hold waiting for Ameren to remove a meter that is still active. Jordan has asked for the contact person at Ameren, and he will talk to them.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

**New Business:** Jason Spang, Superintendent of MPCUD #23 was present to a proposal for an exit drive from the new track facility they are putting in this fall. He originally thought about using Vonderleith roads but due to safety issues of driveways connected to that road they decided to use school property. He stated he is excited about the project and the community is welcome to use the facility as long as it is not in use by the school. Jason said it should bring business to town when hosting games. The inside of the track will be natural grass for soccer. He would also like to bring 8-man football in the future. Randy asked if they facility will have lights. There will eventually be lights added. The school will be responsible for driveways, and mowing.

Security gates and signage will also be put up. Mr. Spang thanked the city for all the help they have given them thus far.

Cindy Dawson, of Central IL FarmFed Co-op, was present to talk about the company. They have purchased the 108 S. Washington building on the square. FarmFed is a processing plant using local products. They ran a pilot program this summer with Zion Lutheran using two growers. She stated there is money in it, but right now it is not aligning with schools. They will be working with OOPA who services school lunches. They are asking for grants to help get the building up to par. FarmFed has received a grant of \$148,000 from ILFIG that will help with some renovations. They are asking the city for \$40,000 to help with roofing and other repairs. Sean asked if there was anybody else doing something like FarmFed. Cindy said Springfield has one. Brad stated we never give the full amount but are willing to give them \$20,000. Mayor Bobell said the city has given Market on the Hill a couple times and they need to be mindful of taxpayers. ENEL has given them \$25,000 directly. He also wants to keep the buildings on the square in good condition.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Kate Davis, to approve Central IL FarmFed Co-op Business District Grant Application up to \$20,000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Stone River Group was at the last meeting giving information on a municipal agreement. The company locks in a fixed price for a year. The contract would require everyone in the community to be signed up. John said he was not for it; he hates putting citizens under the thumb like GFL. He went on to say 30% are elderly and would not know how to opt out. Brad stated it is a cheaper rate, but he is not in favor of citizens being forced into it. Failure to make motion.

The tree foundation is ready to order trees. They will be purchased from Hilltop Nursery with a 25% discount. There will be 20-25 trees purchased at a cost of \$5,000.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by John Aylesworth, to approve tree purchases up to \$5,000. Roll call vote. Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, Ed Anderson, John Aylesworth, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** None

**Public Comments:** There will be sixty vendors at the Fall Festival. Michelle Hagenbuch said they could use help lining up the parade. Dee Howard added there will be a Cut-A-thon as well.

Sean was contacted by Eric Cowan about getting a flashing speed sign put on Vine St.

Sally Turner will be helping with the Levy that is due soon. She has helped in the past. More discussion will take place at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Executive Session:**

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

Anna Beckers- City Clerk