

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Bobell, City Attorney Jordan Klein, Alderman Davis, Emrick, Phillips and Rentmeister, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Chief of Police Tony West

Absent: Alderman Smock

Recognition of Guests: Mr. Waterkotte, Tripp, Eric Larson, Delmar Stewart

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Bobell presided. Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**: Claim accounts, and minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** There have been a few school bus stop arm violations.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** The Viaduct on S. Spring St. is currently closed due to issues under the street. The issue is being monitored trying to figure out what is wrong.
- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$2,071.19

Old Business: Dave Leonatti presented three (3) preliminary itemized budgets for the **town square revitalization**. The budgets are for the courthouse square interior, West building sidewalks and S.W. Washington and Cooke St.

Eric Larson and Tripp with Illinois American Water answered questions from the council about the Illinois American Water asset purchase agreement.

Mayor Bobell stated the **statement to the public** with information about the potential sale of the water/sewer system would be sent out real soon.

New Business:

The **Illinois American Water franchise agreement** was sent to the council. Mayor Bobell stated the deadline might need to be extended to March 31, 2021 with receiving the franchise agreement and everything that was discussed tonight.

A **\$25/video gaming fee** is paid to the city from the restaurants and bars that have video gaming. These businesses were unable to be open all of last year due to the pandemic. Mayor Bobell asked the council to consider waiving this fee for 2021. The total amount waived would be \$475.00. The council agrees to waive the \$25/video gaming fee for 2021.

The zoning board of appeals met to discuss the **conditional use permit** for the Hilltop Community Garden. A motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the conditional use permit as presented for 2021. All voting yea – the motion carried.

The **Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal** is due in April. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to renew cover with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

The **sewer loan** has come due. A motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Phillips to renew the sewer loan. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated there is no **business district appropriation** at this time.

Other Business:

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Davis to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel, contracts and self-evaluation, for 30 minutes. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to exit executive session and enter back into regular session. All voting yea – the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Phillips to **adjourn** the meeting. All voting yea—the motion carried.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk