

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, July 10, 2018  
6:30pm

**Present:** Mayor Matt Bobell, Alderman Barger, Knauer, Neaville, Maxheimer and Palmquist, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, W/S Supervisor Matt Presswood, S/A Supervisor Bill Fricke, Chief of Police Tony West

**Recognition of Guests:** Katie Alsup, Greg Maus

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 Neaville and seconded by Alderman Knauer to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**; Claims and accounts and the minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:**

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Nothing to report at this time.
  
- **W/S Supervisor Matt Presswood:** Matt stated there was a service line leak issue on E. Harry St. that has been fixed. The water tower had some damage from the storm and reconfiguration has been done and is working correctly. Charley Hickey is slated to be tapped and serviced tomorrow. Matt has spoken with Willie Rentmeister Jr. There has been discussion to have a service line run to Herrin Fertilizer.
  
- **S/A Supervisor Bill Fricke:** Bill stated culverts on Vine St. by the bus barn need to be replaced. Bates Rd. has been patched and repaired clear to the Rail Road track. Bill stated Joe Lucas wanted Bill to ask the council about renting a man lift machine to remove a tree at 510 N. Vine that has been a problem for three (3) years. If the man lift is rented then about five (5) other trees could be cut down. The cost to rent the machine for a week would roughly be \$1200-\$1500. The council is in agreement to rent the man lift machine.
  
- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$25, 030.39

**Old Business:**

**Other Business:**

**New Business:** Mayor Bobell stated he received an e-mail from Eric with the United Regional Water Coop requesting the City to resign as a member of the coop. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer for the City of Mt. Pulaski to **resign as a member of the United Regional Water Coop**. Mayor Bobell called for roll call. All voting yea – Alderman Knauer, Nay – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the **business district would like appropriations** for three (3) more grants to be given. The lucky Lager for \$5,000.00, Christmas on Vinegar Hill for \$3,200.00, and The Mt. Pulaski Athletic Association for \$3,535 totaling \$11,735.00. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and

seconded by Alderman Barger to approve the business district appropriations totaling \$11,735.00 for grants. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the RMA plan is due to renew. It will be the same plan and price will remain the same. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to approve the **RMA renewal**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Alderman Neaville stated Alderman West has submitted an official resignation. Mayor Bobell has spoken with three (3) persons of interest that are interested in filling the vacant Alderman seat. Mayor Bobell would welcome any recommendations with anyone that has lived in Mt. Pulaski for at least one (1) year. If there is more than one (1) interested, a letter should be submitted to each Alderman and Mayor Bobell will appoint from the council's advice.

Mayor Bobell stated there was a town development meeting tonight and grants were spoken about.

Mayor Bobell stated the courthouse foundation is in the process of getting bids out for mowing. The courthouse will pay for the mowing.

**Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:** Katie Alsup stated she is with community pride and the hilltop club and asked the council if there was anything extra that needs to be done for the fall festival. The fall festival is September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Mayor Bobell stated the City will pay for the pot a pots like it has done in previous years. Katie asked that the trash be picked up and ready for when the 5K begins Saturday morning. Katie will contact Matt Presswood about getting water and the streets barricaded.

Greg Maus stated he has been conversing with Alderman Neaville. Greg Maus would suggest making a few changes to some ordinances. Ordinance 4-2-1 and ordinance 4-2-4 are the two Greg is speaking of. Greg stated he has been working with Howard Conrady on rental inspections, as there are properties in town that are rented that are uninspected. Greg would like to publish all the rules about the inspections and will work with Mike Lakin on getting this published.

Leslie “Foxy” Hild stated he is against anything that will appease the flow of traffic around the court house square. Mayor Bobell stated extensions have been talked about but there is nothing in the works.

Roger Bohn stated he would like to see lines painted on the streets again.

Mayor Bobell will look into the price of a tarring machine.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Barger to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel for 10 minutes. All voting yea, Alderman Palmquist – nay - the motion carried.

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

Mayor Bobell stated after discussion in executive session an appointment to make Matt Presswood Director of Public Works will need to be approved at the next council meeting

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk