

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Neaville

Recognition of Guests: Rowan Howe, Helen Schmidt & Jo Richner

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Matt Bobell presided.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Nothing to report.

Water/ Sewer: Matt Presswood stated the new service line for Charles Hickey is complete. There was a service line leak on Scott St. that has been fixed today. As previously discussed in the water/sewer committee meeting about the City looking to extend a main dedicated to Herrin from Danbury on out. Hydrants flushing is in the works. Matt received an e-mail from Farnsworth and the Canadian National Rail Road has changed their rules and regulations. The City will have to go through the process of getting permits reissued again. Matt stated he would like to have all the permits by the time the crops are out of the ground.

Streets/Alleys: Bill Fricke stated he was following up on the price of the man lift which is \$1340.00/week plus \$80.00 for delivery and pickup.

Financing: Deposits to date are \$134,310.62

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: Rowan Howe is a star scout with Boy Scout troop 122 who is working to be a life scout. Rowan is attending the meeting to fulfill a requirement to become a life scout.

Helen Schmidt stated if the city is thinking about doing culvert work on Spring St. she would welcome her ditch being closed. Mayor Bobell stated we would take this into consideration.

Jo Richner came to thank the city crew for cleaning up a tree branch that had fallen.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approval of Bills: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the **bills** as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmquist and seconded by Alderman Barger to approve the bills in the consent agenda. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Bobell stated he would like to **appoint** Wilfred Rentmeister Jr. to **Alderman Ward 1**. A motion was made by Alderman Barger and seconded to approve the Alderman 1 appointment for Wilfred Rentmeister Jr. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Palmquist and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to **approve the removal of Bill Fricke as superintendent of streets and alleys**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Knauer and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to **approve the appointment of Public Works Director** to Matt Presswood. All voting yea – the motion carried.

City Clerk, Kelly Cowan stated the 2018 **prevailing wages** have not been released. It is required by the City to pass a resolution again passing the 2017 prevailing wages. Once the motion is passed Kelly will send the appropriate signed copies to the SOS and the DOL. A motion was made by Alderman Barger and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to accept the prevailing wages. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated a **resolution** will need to be passed to have Paula Holcomb as the **authorized IMRF agent**. A motion to pass the resolution and to appoint Paula Holcomb was made by Alderman Maxheimer and seconded by Alderman Barger. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the City Attorney, Jordan Klein wrote up a **budget resolution**. Any changes that need to be made to the budget will need to be done before the next meeting. Let the City treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth know of any changes.

City treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth stated the **proposed appropriations** are pretty close to last years. Tricia asked that if the department heads could go over the proposed appropriations and let her know if there was any anticipated funds that were going to be needed.

Alderman Palmquist stated he has been working with Lee an engineer with Milano and Grunloh on a **DCEO grant**. There would be no cost for the grants with the hopes of the City using Milano and Grunloh to do the work. A motion was made by Alderman Barger and seconded by Alderman Rentmeister to approve the authorization to approve the grant process. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk