

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2018
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Matt Bobell, Alderman Barger, Neaville, Maxheimer, Palmquist and West, City Attorney Jordan Klein, W/S Supervisor Matt Presswood, S/A Supervisor Bill Fricke, Chief of Police Tony West

Recognition of Guests: Richard Volle, Denise Quinn

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

Mayor Bobell would like to appoint Mike Barger to Alderman Ward 2. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to accept the **appointment of Michael Barger to Alderman Ward 2**. All voting yea – the motion carried.

City Attorney, Jordan Klein swore in Michael Barger to Alderman Ward 2.

A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer 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:** Tony stated the No Wind Farm Traffic signs are up.
- **W/S Supervisor Matt Presswood:** Matt stated Charles Hickey and Willie Rentmeister Jr. want to do new water services. Matt is getting the parts together.

Matt has spoken with The Farnsworth Group about the sewer force main project. The Group has made several phone calls and sent e-mails to the Canadian National Rail Road and have gotten no answers.

The bulk water sale to the wind farm has slowed up.

City Hall is having roof issues. Matt has been in contact with John Stewart to look into this.

- **S/A Supervisor Bill Fricke:** Bill stated tree cuts and trimming are done and completion of the stumps have been filled and leveled off. Jetting out culverts is being done.

Alderman Palmquist stated he has had a lot of complaints about the debris from the catch basins being left in people's yards. Bill stated they would come back and clean them up. Alderman Palmquist asked if the debris could be cleaned up as they go.

Josh Poffenbarger has been spraying weeds on the concrete roads to get ready for the sealing crew.

Mayor Bobell stated he spoke with Alderman West about not putting a full alley in. Mayor Bobell spoke with the owner Sean McCormick about only putting rock in the entry way. The council is in agreement to not put in a full alley and only put rock in the entry way. Bill Fricke stated he would get on this project.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$26,219.32

Old Business: Mayor Bobell stated **J.M. Abbotts and Associates** are the only ones to get back to him about **accounting**. A contract will be drawn up upon the approval of the board. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman West to approve Mayor Bobell to enter into a contract with J.M. Abbotts and Associates. All voting yea – the motion carried.

City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth stated the **budget** is still \$60,000 out of budget. You can take a few items down and save \$20,000 but there needs to be a big ticket item. Salaries is a big ticket item. Alderman Maxheimer stated the finance committee tried to move items around but there is no wiggle room. The finance committee will meet again. A motion was made by Alderman Knauer and seconded by Alderman West to table the budget. All voting yea – the motion carried.

New Business: Alderman Neaville stated the **building inspector Greg Maus** has some issues and some questions. Greg was unable to attend the meeting. Alderman Neaville stated Greg would like to see permits being needed when putting up fencing. The building codes that are being used are from 2005 and recommends updating the codes to 2015. Greg would like to have a council member to report to and then bring any issues/questions to the council. Alderman Neaville stated he is interested. The council is in agreement for Alderman Neaville to be the contact for the building inspector.

Mayor Bobell stated a **fireworks stand within city limits** will be out by Bates Rd. It is the same as the previous years. He has provided the City with a copy of insurance. A letter will be sent stating the city will allow the fireworks stand. A motion was made by alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman West to allow the sale of fireworks within city limits. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell would like **appoint the following to the committees:**

Streets & Alley Committee – Neaville, Barger
Finance Committee – Maxheimer, West
Water & Sewer Committee – Neaville, Palmquist
Police Committee – Knauer, Palmquist

A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Palmquist to approve the committee appointments by Mayor Bobell. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business: **Sue Wehramm** spoke to the council regarding the **N. side building parking at the Mt. Pulaski Post Office**. Sue's mother owns the building. Sue presented pictures of the North side of the building parking deteriorating. The City replaced the parking in front of the building 10 years ago and Sue asked if the City would do the same for the North side parking. Sue reached out to Willie Rentmeister Sr. to get a bid. Willie stated it would cost approximately \$19,000. Alderman Neaville stated there are lots of businesses that need this. Alderman Neaville asked if Sue was willing to help with the cost of the replacement. Sue stated at this time she is unable to help with the cost. Alderman Neaville stated with the Cities current budget we would only be able to do this project for the rest of the year. This would not be fair to other businesses in town. A question was asked if this was in the business district. Mayor Bobell stated this project would need to be bid out. City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated he had questions that needed answered. Mayor Bobell will be in touch with Sue Wehramm.

Mayor Bobell stated the **Economic Advisory Board** met last night and came up with **grants** they would like to give to businesses. There are three (3) the board felt were good at this time based on the request submitted. The board recommended a \$4,464.00 grant for the Mt Pulaski Township Historical Society/ Historical Museum, a \$2,000.00 grant for the Mt. Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department and a \$5,000.00 grant for the Hilltop Club of Mt. Pulaski. Tim Emrick stated the EAB board is staying true to the budget that was submitted to the city. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the business district funds to the EAB for their grants for \$11, 464.00. Roll call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: Richard Volle stated he met with Gabriel from Illinois American Water. Gabriel had previously met with each Alderman showing them the same proposal that was shown to Richard Volle. The council would need to put this on an agenda to make a request for a proposal from Illinois American Water to have a copy of the proposal. This proposal is non-binding. Richard is requesting for the council to get the proposal. Mayor Bobell stated if any Alderman would like to move forward with this item of business they need to put it on an agenda.

Denise Quinn asked about ditch work on Spring Street. Bill Fricke stated there is a lot of back fill and needs to be redone again. Bill stated this matter of business will be put on the list.

Bill Fricke will put up **15 minute parking signs at the Post Office.**

Paula Holcomb stated the **City flag** is in and asked where it should be flown. Mayor Bobell stated he would ask around.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Knauer and seconded by Alderman West to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss personnel for 30 minutes. All voting yea – the motion carried.

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

No action was taken from the executive session.

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk