

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Matthew Bobell, Alderman Emrick, Knauer, Neaville and Rentmeister, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Police Chief Tony West, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood

Absent: Alderman Maxheimer

Recognition of Guests:

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

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Police Chief, Tony West stated there was a two (2) car accident last Thursday with no injuries.

Water/ Sewer: Alderman Neaville stated the water line is in service as the city received the okay from the EPA. There is no update for the Sewer force main project. Lift station 3 is still on one (1) pump.

Streets/Alleys: Alderman Neaville stated the committee meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Aldermen are going around their wards looking at the streets and noting the findings. The committee will prioritize the projects needing to be done. Looking into getting a quote for crack sealing.

Financing: Alderman Emrick stated the committee went over accounting procedures. A letter is being drafted to Abbotts and Assoc. by the committee requesting to get funds transferred and receive the statements in a timely manner with more detail. The letter will state if they cannot meet the requests of the City then we will need to look elsewhere for an accountant. A copy of this letter will be sent to the council. The committee is asking who should be the main contact person for Abbotts. City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth suggests the main contact with Abbotts should be the chairman of the finance committee and the treasurer. The council is in agreement.

Deposits to date: \$50,742.32

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Smock to approve the bills as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated there are no **business district appropriations** at this time.

Miscellaneous: Alderman Emrick stated the finance committee discussed using Sally Turner's government consulting business. Sally Turner introduced herself and stated the primary purpose of providing assistance would be for the tax levy and PTELL calculations and procedures. **Sally Turner Government Consulting** is a registered insured Logan County business. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Emrick to attain Sally Turner for government consulting. Roll Call – All voting yea – the motion carried.

Alderman Rentmeister stated **219 S. Washington St** has windows that are knocked out and animals are going in there. Police Chief, Tony West stated he has previously talked with Paul Bree about the building two (2) or Three (3) times. Tony stated he has e-mailed the city attorney Jordan Klein asking what the next steps are. Tony will call Jordan tomorrow.

Alderman Rentmeister stated he has spoken with Public Works Director, Matt Presswood about the **low line trees on streets and in alleys**. Matt Presswood stated he had a few targeted to get done.

Alderman Rentmeister asked for an update for the **condemned house on S. Vine St**. Police Chief, Tony West stated the house was re-inspected and it did not pass. They have so many days to correct the issues. The ordinance violation fine has been paid by the owner of the residence.

Matt Presswood asked what is going on with the house on **Buckles Dr**. Police Chief, Tony West stated that building inspector Greg Maus and he have discussed this property. Tom Polk has requested to have two (2) properties taken off as rental properties. Tony and Greg would like to go back and tag those properties as condemned. The council is in agreement to have those properties tagged as condemned.

Alderman Neaville stated he is on the **steering committee for the square rejuvenation**. The committee is looking for committee members. Alderman Neaville will give the direction for the funds to be paid will come from the business district. Plans and designs of the square are being worked on by Lee.

Alderman Neaville stated Michael Mittlesteadt from the state, who is responsible for overseeing the **court house** attended the steering committee meeting. Michael stated that DNR would like to charge for the use of the courthouse lawn. Michael thinks the city should have a contract with the state for mowing.

Alderman Neaville stated there have been several **complaints about dog waste on the courthouse lawn**. Chief of Police, Tony West stated he has talked to the building owner and the tenants.

The council discussed the **legalization of marijuana and whether or not a dispensary** should be allowed in Mt. Pulaski if someone would want to open one. Alderman Neaville stated he is against it. Alderman Emrick stated this would be a source of revenue for the city. State laws would have to be followed.

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk