

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Phillips and Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests: Jake Collier and Landon/Brandy Hutchcraft

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 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 presented the council with reports/photos from the previous chief police along with his own findings on **321 S. Vine St.** This property has been condemned as it did not pass the rental inspection due to structural and mold issues and has not been re-inspected. Tom Polk Jr. has rented this condemned property to Landon and Brandy Hutchcraft. Tony stated Tom Polk Jr. has gone against the ordinances and will be fined for doing so. Landon and Brandy requested the property to be re-inspected. Building inspector, Greg Maus stated he will sight that the residents have requested the inspection done. Greg will move forward with this matter of business.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** The water main extension to Herrin is complete with the exception of lab testing.

Matt Presswood and Josh Poffenbarger are working on prioritizing MTF projects.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$33,828.96. Tricia stated she has still not received May financials as there were changes that were needing made.

Old Business: City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated the **Bates Road** matter of business is a two (2) fold issue. North of the Rail Road tracks triangle parcel would need a written dedication from the land owner and a City ordinance would needed to be made for the City to adopt the road. South of the Rail Road tracks could be annexed into the City if the land owner agrees to the annexation. The land owner would need to file a written draft with the County clerk stating they are wanting their property to be a part of the City.

Jake Collier stated he wants to know how much his property taxes would increase. The assessor's office would need to be called to get that information. Moving forward with this matter of business, Jordan Klein will contact the assessor's office and will contact the land owner north of the Rail Road tracks.

New Business: Mayor Bobell stated the EAB has a grant for \$1500.00 for Bill and Judy Cavastani to help with HVAC improvements to the co-op building. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Neaville to approve the **business districts appropriation** for \$1500.00 to Bill and Judy Cavastani. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated that Shaun Tyson and Renee' Martin have fulfilled their two (2) year board seat turn and are stepping down. Mayor Bobell would like to **appoint Hillary Cherry and Erin Wyss to the Economic Advisory Board**. A motion was made by Alderman Neaville and seconded by Alderman Smock to approve the appointments of Hillary Cherry and Erin Wyss to the EAB board. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Other Business: Alderman Neaville stated that Steve Dinger is working part time and asked if this is something that should continue or should we hire a full time employee. Another option could be to hire another part time employee during peak times. Mayor Bobell stated Matt Presswood does have the authority of hiring and firing. Matt stated he would like to start the process of **advertising and accepting applications**.

Greg Maus stated he will be having by-pass surgery. Greg will still be available. Mayor Bobell stated for Greg to use caution.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Executive Session:

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk