

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting

City Hall
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M., Mayor Bobell presided. Roll call was taken. Those present: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis and Randy Hagenbuch. Those absent were Tim Emrick, Dan Smock & Anna Beckers. Also present was Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, Police Chief Tony West and Treasurer, Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: John Aylesworth, Sandy Bowles & Michelle Hagenbuch

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Randy Hagenbuch, second by Joe Butler, to approve Consent Agenda Items: Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West stated there would be a “Full, live accident scene reenactment”, presented by SIU at the Mt. Pulaski High School on May 5, 2023.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt stated that the Public Works crew has reworked the plumbing in the bathrooms at Frazier Park, also performed some heavy duty cleaning on the bathrooms as well. He’s talked to Goodman Fence; the tentative start date for the new fence is mid-late July. He’s also hoping to get the power supply to be run underground at Frazier Park. The Public Works crew has been doing some alley work, such as raking the rock alleys only. The new equipment does a nice job. Matt is still waiting on the roofing quotes to come in from different companies. Mayor Bobell inquired if he had got any quotes on the steps at 100 S. Washington St., which Matt had not. They discussed getting some concrete patching done in the meantime, to alleviate the situation.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the Treasurer report which reflected deposits, monthly ACH transactions and also stated that the EDPB would be transferring the current CD, to obtain a 4% interest rate CD at Longview Community Bank.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **ARPA Funds Allocation:** There was discussion from the Mayor, Paula & the Council members on how or what to spend the ARPA funds. Paula indicated that using “Standard Allowance” format for reporting would be easiest, that payroll for all departments within our local government was acceptable with the DCEO for allocating these funds. Motion by Joe Butler, 2nd by [Kate Davis](#) to approve the ARPA funds to be spent on our governmental payroll.

Roll call vote, Answering Aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, [Kate Davis](#), Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

- Business District Appropriation: There was a grant submitted to the EDPB, by the Community Association of Mt. Pulaski, for \$1000 for flower pots & supplies for the upkeep of the flower pots around the square. Motion by Randy Hangenbuch, 2nd by Joe Butler. Roll call vote: Answering Aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis & Randy Hagenbuch. No nays. Motion carried.

- **City Improvements / Plans, information was supplied by Alderman Butler for the following items:**

- Trees: There was discussion on various issues that Alderman Butler listed. Alderman Butler was also given the “Nuisance Tree Removal” ordinance # 8-4-3(5)

- Sidewalks: Discussed various areas around the square & in town. Mayor Bobell wanted Matt to start an inventory list and prioritize from worst to best. It was asked what the cost policy was and Matt thought the City would pay 40%, but was not positive on this number.

- Drainage: Various areas listed in town and Matt explained that we have NO mapping of the storm drains. It was discussed that maybe we could find a company that could possibly do the mapping to help identify the problem areas.

- Signage: There were different points regarding town wide signs, hard to read, not reflective, some are faded and leaning and / or broken. Public Works Director Matt Presswood said he has placed 1 order for new poles, hardware & signs from Econosign. The Mayor and Council were in agreement to move forward with replacing all signs that are faded, broken, etc. Matt tentatively thought that maybe by late fall the signs would be completed, but wasn’t 100% sure.

- Frazier Park Alderman Butler was inquiring about the next 5 years of improvements and the field maintenance. Refer to Matt Presswood’s report for additional information. Mayor Bobell explained that the Athletic Association does the field prep, and the Public Works Dept. does the mowing & upkeep. Matt P. stated that the scoreboard was gone at Topper field and that the concession stand will be replaced. Dee Howard, stated that the EDPB has approved funds for the City to use in the upgrades at Frazier Park.

- Streets & Alleys: Please refer to Matt Presswood’s report, for this update.

Other Business:

- Mayor Bobell read the abstract of votes from the recent election, which came in the mail on April 24th. This will be added to the next meeting agenda to certify the election results & for the Aldermen to re-take their Oaths. Mayor Bobell will need to fill 2 Aldermen positions in Ward 2.

- Mayor Bobell also mentioned that he would like to review the pay for the Aldermen and all “Elected Officials”. He thought it had been @ 10 years since there had been any type of pay increase.

Public Comments:

- Fire Chief John Aylesworth, mentioned that he thought the Fire Department, would do their fireworks display on Sunday, Jul 2, 2023.

- [Michelle Hagenbuch](#) mentioned that CAMP may want to incorporate some additional events for the weekend of July 1st & 2nd, while the townwide garage sales are going on. More information to follow at a later date.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion by Randy Hagenbuch and seconded by Brad Davis to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Paula Holcomb