Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting The City Hall Tuesday August 10, 2021 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken.

Present: Alderman Randy Hagenbuch, Kate Davis, and Tim Emrick. Also present, Officer Tony West.

Absent: Alderman Smock, Brad Davis, Darin Phillips, and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood

Mayor Bobell led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Marla Blair, Paula Holcomb, Rick Volle, Wyatt Waterkotte, Donnie Neale, Tom Martin, Bishap Patel, Kris Hagenbuch.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Emrick, to approve the Consent Agenda items, Minutes, and Claims & Accounts. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West**: Officer West reported they are getting things ready for the start of school in a couple weeks. Still working on some ordinances.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Due to the passing of Matt's father he was not present. Mayor Bobell extended his sympathy to the family and asked the Council to keep the family in their prayers. Mayor Bobell commented on how good the roads look.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell reported on the deposits.

Old Business:

Tom Martin was present to give an update on the Town Square Project. He said there will be a complete report at the next meeting.

Tom Martin again addressed the Council with an update on how things are going with FarmFED. He stated they are selling stocks and hope to raise \$100,000.00. They are hoping to buy the old Johnson True Value Hardware building. The company will local fresh produce to process and sell to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc. This will bring in more job opportunities as well.

Once again Tom Martin approached the Council regarding ENEL. He knows there are new Council members who are not aware of how this funding came about. He wants to be sure they are brought up to date.

New Business:

Chuck Duncan, with Advanced Disposal, presented the Council with information on a recycling service for the community. The company would have to have all residents use their trash service to get the recycling service. They only have curbside pickup, no alley pick-up. Advanced Disposal would provide 1 container as part of the service subscription, extra carts are available at a cost. Trash would be picked up every week and recycling every two weeks. Mayor Bobell asked if any businesses in town could use the service. Chuck said he would have to do an analysis, there are a lot of factors and they would have to use different containers resulting in a higher cost. Jordan Klein commented the Council would have to do a formal bidding process.

The appointment of EDPB members has been tabled until the August 24th City Council meeting.

The Appropriation Ordinance final draft is available to the public.

Other Business:

Doug Johnson has been given the check

Public Comments:

Bishap Patel addressed the Council in regards to financial assistance for the removal of abandoned tanks and replacing two tanks that will be rejected due to their age. He would like to remove these tanks before they become a hazard to the surrounding area. Bishap asked if there are any grants or loans the city had available. Mayor Bobell stated the city has a great program and he was welcome to come up to City Hall and Matt could help him with an application.

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Hagenbuch to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk