

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests: Mr. Waterkotte, Aiden Snider and Donnie Neal

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 Maxheimer and seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**: Claim accounts, and minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only: Donnie Neal stated it is not up to the council to make a decision for the residents to sell the water/sewer system to Illinois American Water. This decision should be up to the people and not the council.

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Tony presented the council a report of the reports that were handled last year. The department is continuing to work on ordinances.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt stated the crew would begin working on getting branches cleaned up from the ice storm. Ice storm damage brush pick up is January 13, 14 and 15th.

Farnsworth Engineer, Justin Reese proposed 2021 MFT resolution for \$250,000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Smock to adopt the 2021 MFT resolution as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$45,907.52

Old Business:

New Business: Mayor Bobell stated Lorah Hoe and himself have been working on the **Local cure-funding program**, federal relief monies. The City can have their own support program. There have been three (3) businesses submit applications. Mayor Bobell is in the process of review these applications and will report to the council with an update.

The time has come to re- designate the committee's. Mayor Bobell asked the council members to reach out to him to see what **committee** that best would fit them.

Hilary Cherry has stepped down off the **Economic Development Advisory Board**. Mayor Bobell wants to get that **seat** filled, asking the council to let him know of anyone that contacts him or her that is interested.

The **zoning conditional use permit** has expired that was granted to Tom Martin and will have to be renewed. The zoning board will meet and draw up a new zoning conditional use permit Mayor Bobell stated.

Greg Maus has turned in his resignation as building inspector. If any council members are contacted about a person of interest let Mayor Bobell know. Mayor Bobell would like this position filled by the end of the month. Mayor Bobell will reach out to Brain Adams.

Mayor Bobell stated there is no **business district appropriation** at this time.

Lorah Hoe gave an **update from the Economic Development Advisory Board** stating there is a town square revitalization meeting January 20 at 3:30. The EDAB has not heard back from any grants that were applied for. There will be an EDAB meeting February 6 at 9:00 am at 124 S. Washington St. and a daycare steering committee February 20 at 10:30 am.

There have been seven (7) businesses that have applied for **grant monies through the Economic Development Advisory Board**, six (6) of those businesses have been awarded. \$25,500.00 have been awarded out of the allocated \$50,000.00 from the community fund.

Other Business: Alderman Maxheimer has volunteered to draft a letter to get the word out to the community about the possibility of selling the water/sewer system.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items: Mr. Waterkotte came to express concern for the cancellation of the **recycling center** in town.

Aiden Snider, president of NHS at the High School came to express concern for the cancellation of the recycling center. The high school students have used this recycling center for the last 15 years. Aiden asked the council to consider the High School when and if a decision is made to bring the recycling center back to Mt. Pulaski.

City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated if the City were interested in information on a franchise fee for recycling, he would put some information together. Mayor Bobell stated it is okay to move forward with putting information together.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Phillips to exit regular session and enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation for 5 minutes. All voting yea – the motion carried.

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

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

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk