

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The American Legion  
Tuesday July 13, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken.

**Present:** Alderman Kate Davis, Tim Emrich, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, Brad Davis, and Chief of Police Tony West

**Absent:** Mayor Bobell, Alderman Smock, and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood

With the absence of Mayor Bobell a Mayor Pro-Tem will be appointed by the Council.

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Hagenbuch, to appoint Alderman Emrich as Mayor Pro-Tem. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Kate Davis, Hagenbuch, Phillips, and Brad Davis. Present – Alderman Tim Emrich. No nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Emrich led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Deron Powell, Rick Volle, Wyatt Waterkotte, Donnie Neale, and Kris Hagenbuch.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Alderman Phillips, second by Alderman Hagenbuch, to approve the Consent Agenda items, Minutes, and Claims & Accounts. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported there was some water come in the office from all the rain on Sunday. He is working on cleaning it up without having to turn in a claim.
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- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Since Matt Presswood was absent Kris Hagenbuch reported on the excessive rainfall Sunday night. He stated the pump on Spring St. down by the viaduct started running at 5:45 P.M. and ran all night. There is an issue with the new pump, so they were only able to run one.
- **City Treasurer:**

**Old Business:**

Nothing new to report on the Town Square Project.

The Budget FY 21-22 is tabled for the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Deron Powell was concerned with the ordinance being approved without the EDPB being present. He stated the donor does not like the wording in the ordinance and should have been advised before being approved. Alderman Emrick responded, it is the duty of the City Council to oversee what EDPB is doing with the money, the city is responsible for it. Deron said the EDPB meetings are open to the public, and all records are available for any FOIA. City attorney, Jordan Klein, liked Deron's idea of having a meeting with the windfarm donors to discuss this further. Jordan will contact them and set up a meeting then report to the City Council.

**New Business:**

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Brad Davis, to approve Business District Appropriation, \$8,000.00 Brickyard parking lot - Downing, Przykopanski, Clements, & May Insurance Agency, Inc. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Alderman Kate Davis, Tim Emrick Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

The Appropriations Ordinance 21-22 draft will be sent out soon.

The auditors were in last week to start the yearly audit. Alderman Emrick commented on the nice job Paula does with getting things together for it. The city should hear back from them early September.

Deron Powell was present to discuss the EDPB budget for June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022. He provided the Council with handouts graphing the expenditures for the Business District Fund, and the Community Donation Fund. He stated not much has changed with either one. He would like to hire someone to do the Grant writing for them.

Randy Hagenbuch thanked the Council for allowing his business to sell fireworks again this year.

**Other Business:**

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:**

Motion by Alderman Phillips, 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