

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, November 14, 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: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. Also, present were Chief, Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Sandy Bowles and Jay Burns

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Kate Davis, second by Joe Butler, to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Claims, Accounts, and October Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports by Officers**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported not a lot going on. He and Aaron are keeping an eye on traffic. Randy asked if there was any word on the Carriage House. He said the black tarping is falling off and slapping cars going through the alley. Tony will email Jordan in the morning. Mayor said Jordan is looking for an associate to help with the meetings. Jordan apologizes for not being able to attend. Brad asked if the contract was with him or the firm. Mayor stated it is with the firm.
- **Director of Public Works:** Matt reported their main focus is on leaf collection and tree trimming.
- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report. She is going to check with Longview on interest rates to move money over.

**Old Business:** The city is selling the excavator. Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Resolution of Sale of Equipment as presented. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Due to the title of the Impala being misplaced there can be no sale. A new title has been requested.

Demolition of the Vinegar Hill building is on hold waiting for results to come back for the asbestos results.

Demolition of the 104 S. Washington building has been granted and bids will be put out for it. There is a lien for \$80,000 on it.

**New Business:** Jordan is going to see if there is any interest in the 117 E McDonald Street property.

Zach from the Farnsworth Group was present to go over the Vine Street sidewalk project. With the school buying Veteran's Park, the west side of the street seems to be better. The second proposal will still keep things on track for fall completion. Joe asked if there were any grants available. Zach said not that he knows of for streets but possibly the sidewalk. Mayor Bobell said Vine Street is all on the city since it is not a new road. Brad inquired about concrete because it lasts longer. Zach stated that when it crumbles there is nothing you can do, where asphalt you can mill down. Farnsworth will look at the cost of concrete as well.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Sean McCormick, to proceed with plans as presented with Farnsworth Group. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Michael Marti, along with Ron Maseck, and Jessie Claudio were present to extend a huge thank you. They are looking forward to working with the community. Michael said it is important to connect with community supporting events. He spoke on how the lines will run underneath the sidewalk to individual houses and the cost. There is no contract, and you can quit anytime.

The Ameren Easement Agreement will be voted on tonight.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by John Aylesworth, to approve Ameren Easement Agreement. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Dee met with Paula and the heads of departments to help with decision making on the Appropriations for 2023-24.

Motion by Sean McCormick, second by Brad Davis, to approve Appropriations 2023-24. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

The EDB has presented two grant requests totaling \$5,000.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Next Stop Saloon – EDPB Grants as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, and Brad Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Bid reviews for roofing at City Hall will be done at the next meeting. The roof will be replaced in the spring.

John Aylesworth voiced his frustration and concern regarding the number of pipes that were hit by fiber optic drilling. He stated the county was not aware of them drilling. He was concerned

how Vonderlieth had no water with all the residents there. The mayor would like a meeting with John, Donna Kincaid, Matt Presswood, and Kyle from IAW.

Randy Hagenbuch inquired if there were any liquor licenses available. The mayor said there is not, but the council would have to change the code to get another one.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:**

**Adjourn:** Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Sean McCormick to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk