

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
6:30pm

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

Absent: Alderman Rentmeister

Recognition of Guests:

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Matthew Bobell presided.

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Police Chief Tony West stated there was a hit and run accident. The driver has been identified and received three (3) citations.

Water/ Sewer: Matt Presswood stated there was a water issue on N. Belmont St that has been repaired. There was a crack in a line on S. Spring St. under the viaduct that has been repaired. During the repair an issue with the force main was found. Scheduling will be done to get this issue fixed in the near future.

Streets/Alleys: Matt Presswood stated there is a growing list of repairs on the docket. There were people complaining about the snow being removed off the square and put down at Frasier Park. The City has put snow removal there for years.

Financing: Deposits to date: \$47,051.13

Public Comments – Non - Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the **bills** as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Phillips and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to approve the consent agenda items. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

Mayor Bobell stated the **TIF redevelopment agreement** is between the City and Johnson Property for the highway 121 entrance. This will be a reimbursement program; Doug Johnson will pay for this and then get reimbursed from the TIF fund. Doug currently has a couple of bids out. A motion was made by Alderman Emrick and seconded by Alderman Smock to enter into the TIF redevelopment agreement with Johnson Property as presented. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Mayor Bobell stated the City has received two (2) bids for the installation of a **safety shield at City Hall**. Conaway Handyman and Stewart's construction submitted bids for this project. A motion was made by Alderman Smock and seconded by Alderman Davis to accept Conaway Handyman's bid. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Paula Holcomb will inquire from ADT about a panic button and a fire alarm for City Hall.

Mayor Bobell read aloud to the council the e-mail from Eric Larson with Illinois American Water. Eric answered questions in the e-mail.

Mayor Bobell stated if the City wants to do a **franchise fee** now is the time to do it. A 3% utility tax and a 3% franchise fee could be added to the water/sewer bill. The council agrees to do the 3% franchise fee but not the 3% utility tax. Mayor Bobell will contact them to let them know about the 3% franchise fee.

Mayor Bobell stated the original proposed agreement from Illinois America Water would be extended until the end of March.

The first round of LOCAL CURE funding was complete leaving \$5600.00 of unallocated funds. Mayor Bobell stated only The Farmers and The Old Brickyard would qualify.

Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood introduced Kristopher Hagenbuch.

Mayor Bobell stated Randy Hagenuch is interested in the soon to be vacant seat for Alderman Ward 1. Mayor Bobell plans to appoint Randy to this Alderman seat.

Business District Appropriations: None at this time

Executive Session:

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk