

Mt. Pulaski City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
6:30pm

Present: Mayor Bobell, Alderman Barger, Knauer, Neaville, Palmquist and Rentmeister, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Director of Public Works Matt Presswood, Police Chief Tony West

Absent: Alderman Maxheimer

Recognition of Guests:

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

Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:

Police: Nothing to report.

Water/ Sewer: Matt Presswood stated there was an EPA inspection last Thursday. They are requiring the City to do monthly nitrate samples and have suggested the City to purchase a test sample kit to do in house testing as well as lab testing. The City is currently under a boil order due to sample issues. Matt has been in close daily contact with the EPA. The EPA is stumped as to why all four (4) wells that were tested failed and then two (2) days later they passed. Matt Presswood stated he has never seen this happen before. Matt would like to do some research to find a different laboratory. Alderman Neaville stated if it is under the monthly \$500 to do a comparison sample then go ahead. Canadian National Rail Road sent a response, Matt is targeting three (3) areas and is waiting on those copies.

Alderman Neaville stated a year ago we started testing new meters and are going to move forward with them. They are fully integrated into the billing system.

Streets/Alleys: Matt Presswood stated he received a memo form from the Farnsworth Group on the bid opening for the motor fuel tax program. They believe these bids are extremely high and would recommend the city move forward and not except these bids. Let's shift that work until next year, piggy back off this and get bids to get some crack sealing done. Alderman Neaville asked if we could scale down the project and do the one down by the grade school. Matt will inquire on this. The contractors that have submitted bids seem to be farther away. Matt would recommend getting bid packets to local contractors. Mayor Bobell stated we need to figure out how to get some of these projects done as he doesn't want to go another year not spending any motor fuel tax money.

Financing: Deposits to date are \$116,838.99

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Approval of Bills: City Clerk, Kelly Cowan read the **bills** as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Palmquist and seconded by Alderman Neaville to approve the bills in the consent agenda. All voting yea – the motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Bobell stated overtime and personal time off need to be clarified. The accountant found a discrepancy in the payroll. If an employee takes off during the week and then works the weekend, we are not required by law to pay overtime. The accountant is saying the employee would have to work 40 hours to get overtime. After a discussion, Mayor Bobell stated Director of public works, Matt Presswood will clarify if it is time paid or not for overtime. Once the time sheet is turned into the accountant then Matt has already approved it.

Mayor Bobell stated the annual audit is set for October 15 – October 17, 2018. Crystal Kern will be working with the accountant on getting the reports.

Alderman Neaville stated there are two (2) six-yard dumpsters down at the recycling center and asked if anyone has noticed it over flowing. Alderman Neaville is wondering if the two (2) dumpsters are keeping up or if another one should be placed there. Alderman Neaville would like a sign made and placed to explain how the new dumpsters work. There is still a charge of .76/ customer for the recycling service. The council needs to think about lowering this charge.

Executive Session:

Mayor Bobell stated the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk