

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
City Hall  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
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: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. Absent was Kate Davis. Also present were Officer Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Jim King, Donnie Neal, and Marla Blair. Mayor Bobell addressed the guests and asked if they wanted to speak tonight. Jim King said he is still trying to get some answers on how to avoid the trash services. He was told by GFL all he needed to do was to notify the city and show he's exempt. Dan Smock asked who he talked to at GFL. Mr. King was not sure who it was. He said they told him his address was exempt. Tim Emrick asked why he had called GFL. Jim said it is a bill that he did not ask for and he can not afford it due to being disabled. Tim explained the position the council is in and how granting him an exemption would lead to others asking for one. Jordan Klein is in agreement with Tim that the city would be in danger of breaching the contract with GFL. Jim got the impression from GFL that it would not be a big deal. Tim told him it is a slippery slope and to write a letter and have council approve it or not. Jordan was not sure if there was a formal process or not and he will investigate it.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Brad Davis, second by Dan Smock, to approve Consent Agenda Items Claims, Accounts, and November Minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported he's been dealing with ordinance violations with trash laying around. Brady Thomas has taken a new job with Logan County. His last day will be December 30<sup>th</sup>. Tony is sorry to see him go but wishes him the best. Tim asked when Tony will have someone to replace Brady. He has someone who is attending the academy now but will be part time when he is finished. Randy asked if Tony had heard anything on the new car. Tony is still waiting and hopes to have it before spring.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt is happy to report all the tree work has been completed. They have removed 16 tree stumps and he's very happy with the company that helped them. Leaf removal is done for the year. The emulsion tank will be here Friday. It will not be filled until spring. The snowplow was taken in on Monday and should be back Thursday ready to go. Matt would like to redo Vine St. He wants to mill

down 2” into existing concrete and reclaim the gutter system. Matt suggested doing it in phases. After some further discussion council would like Matt to get together with Farnsworth and get a bid for 121 to Chestnut Street. Discussion then turned to Matt’s to do list. Tim said it is a vague list, it is more like a description. Matt said he would much rather have their input as well. They will be working more on alleys. Dan wanted to know how many alleys he is planning on doing. Matt said they have already started taking the blade and grating them down. He is planning to use millings from the high school in the alleys. Dan stated the truck route has big holes and something needs to be done if they are going to keep using it. Mayor Bobell asked if concrete would work. Matt stated that it needs to be widened on the curve mostly. Asked what the cost would be to redo from 121 to McDonald Street would be, Matt thought around \$928,438.00

- **City Treasurer:** Dee gave the treasurer’s report.

**Old Business:** Tim thought the Appropriations were high. Dee said she lowered some because they did not use much. She stated she did not look at totals. Tim questioned why she hadn’t looked at totals. Dee replied you have to make sure you have more money than you will use. Jordan read the guidelines on appropriations.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Brad Davis, to approve Appropriation FY2022-2023. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. Voting nay. Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Christmas Bonuses for this year will be \$400 for each full-time personnel, and \$250 for Sandy Bowles.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Christmas Bonus- \$400 for full time employees and \$250 for part-time. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried.

The search for an auditor has proven difficult. The deadline is fastly approaching. There is someone in Taylorville that will do it.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Brad Davis, to approve Striegel Knobloch & Co., L.L.C. as auditor for FY2021-2022 and enter into contract as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Time Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Dan Smock. No nay. Motion carried.

The Annual Treasurers Report has some discrepancies that were brought to the attention of Tim Emrick by a citizen. He wanted council to be aware. Dee said she had missed a page and owed Laura Hoe. She also went over the revenue summary which had three different numbers compared to the auditor’s report which was almost a \$300 difference. She said the audit should be the most official and it does not even match. Dee feels overwhelmed and would like any help. Mayor Bobell understands and asked Tim if he could be of any help to her. Tim offered to help

as much as he can. He suggested they call and see what the numbers mean. He said it is very important with the amount of money this municipality has.

Dee Howard gave an update on the last EDPB meeting. She said they had decided not to go with the 501C3. It would remove them from the city and they didn't want that. She also stated that FarmFed only donates to people with 501C3. Dee is going to volunteer her time for Market on the Hill and therefore will not be running for City Treasure. She said grants are due the end of the month. The flowerpots should be turning theirs in soon.

**Other Business:** Election packets need to be turned in by 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2022.

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda:** None

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk