

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The American Legion  
Tuesday, January 11, 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: Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. Also present were Chief Tony West and Matt Presswood. Darin Phillips was absent.

Mayor Bobell then lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Trisha Aylesworth, Michelle Hagenbuch, Josh Poffenbarger, Steve Dinger and Wyatt Waterkotte

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items minus Estes Bridgewater & Ogden payment. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West is going over golf cart applications and inspections. He reported a vehicle went into the ditch on the corner of Vine St. and Chestnut St.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they are working on maintenance things. He also handed out a synopsis of things he would like for the city. Mayor Bobell asked him to prioritize it.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer report.

**New Business:**

Two representatives from Invenergy, were present to speak to the council about a new windfarm project they are trying to get started in the area. They are based out of Chicago. The city will benefit from the turbines even though there will not be any in Mt. Pulaski. They still need more landowners on board to get the project going. The council would like a copy of where money from the project will go.

Joe Butler spoke on the free app, Nextdoor, which is owned by Facebook. He stated when his family lived in Victoria, Texas, the community used this app. It was a useful tool to get any information out from the police, fire department, meetings, etc. It is social media, so you have to keep people in check. Joe is the administrator for Aetna township.

Next, Kyle Koprowitz and Jim Gibbs, from Equitable Investments, gave some information on what to do with the money from IAW. The company works with large and small municipalities, so they know all the

Federal and state guidelines. Jim recommends a simple approach. The council needs to decide what they want to do as far as how the money is distributed and how much they want where. He also advised not to make things too restrictive on what they can do. Equitable Investments will help with audits.

Sofia Anastopoulos, of IMET, was the last speaker. Sofia gave all the alderman a handout with information about IMET. They are not-for-profit. They offer two funds, long term and short term.

On the Business District Appropriations there was one application from Jean Davis for the Dairy Bar. Doug Johnson has donated \$10,000 of his own money to go toward improvements. Tim Emrick doesn't agree with the application. Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Business District Appropriation of \$4,000.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Answering nay, Tim Emrick. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

On the Proposed Ordinance change Tim expressed his concern of not having a treasurer to handle the investments. Mayor Bobell stated a council member could be selected by a vote to work with the investors. There would have to be an ordinance for whatever road they go down. Jordan will make changes and then finalize at the next meeting.

Mayor Bobell attended the December 14<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting to discuss the possibility of selling Frazier Park to the school. Dan spoke up and said he had some reservations about selling it. Matt said there would have to be 5 voting in favor of it to pass. Randy also is in favor of keeping the park with the uncertainty of Little League, Hilltop Softball, and fireworks still being able to use the facilities. The city pays \$3,000 toward mowing every year. The council suggested maybe the city could mow with the water being sold. Matt Presswood said the only issue is there really isn't a big enough mower.

### **Other Business:**

ARPA funds need to be used by 2023.

### **Public Comments:**

Trisha Aylesworth addressed the council concerning the municipality. She has talked to several people who want to make the decision of who picks up their trash. She is going to start a petition against it. Tricia stated it needs to be made public before voting on it. The cost may be less but she will pay more for the convenience of having pick up in the alley. Tim Emrick personally agreed.

Motion by Dan Smock, second by Kate Davis, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

### **Executive Session:**

Anna Beckers – City Clerk