

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, July 11, 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: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. Also present were Chief, Tony West, Matt Presswood, Dee Howard, and Jordan Klein.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Sandy Bowles, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Josh Poffenbarger,

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Chief West reported a loose dog on S. Lafayette Street, a trash violation on 121 & Vine Street. The trash has been picked up, so no fine was given. Officer West spotted some gentlemen soliciting in town. He talked to them about needing a permit and sent them on their way out of town. A new flag has been added to the collection at the Vine Street residence. Sean McCormick is very upset with the situation. He said his tenants are not allowed to have inappropriate signs or flags in view of the public. The mayor of Elkhart saw the flags and will be looking into limiting the size of flags for their town. Jordan said you must be careful with limiting the size of flags. The restriction would apply to all flags including the American flag. This restriction would also apply to commercial as well as non-commercial property. Sean feels the city needs to fight this. Jordan stated it would be a federal lawsuit. There is a Chicago suburb that has enforced the size limit, this means a total of all flags together. Jordan went on to say that free speech becomes sticky. After more discussion, the council will be revisiting this issue.

- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they have been extremely busy with the trees, plus the storm damage. The fence at Frazier Park will be here early September. Matt and been in touch with Farnsworth and they will be coming to inform the council where things are. GA Rich was doing work at the sewer plant, so Matt was able to ask what needs done on the storm sewers. Information was sent to Jordan for bids on Vinegar Hill.

- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the Treasurer report.

New Business: None

Old Business: Jordan looked over the land lease for CN Railroad and advised council it would be in their best interest to sign it.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Sean McCormick to approve the Land Lease Agreement from CN Railroad- Frazier Park. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, Sean McCormick, and John Aylesworth. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business: The city council members have been invited to the Dedication Ceremony of the Abe Lincoln Statue on July 23rd at 2:00pm.

Michelle Hagenbuch has fourteen vehicles lined up for the 2nd Friday event on July 14th. There will also be twenty-six vendors present.

Matt Presswood said he has gotten positive comments on the cleanup from the recent storm. He was glad they had taken down the trees in town before the storm.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: Motion by Kate Davis, second by John Aylesworth, to exit Regular session and enter Executive Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to exit Executive Session and re-enter Regular session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn: No official action taken.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Sean McCormick, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk