

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The American Legion  
Tuesday, June 14, 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: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. Dan Smock was absent. Also present were Officer Tony West and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Joe Butler, Wyatt Waterkotte, Dee Howard, Michelle Hagenbuch, Kris Hagenbuch,

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

**Public Comments:** Debbie Lornitis addressed the Council concerning UTV's on the streets. She was at a meeting about a year ago where she was told they were not allowed, but she has been seeing them around town. Debbie was not aware the ordinance had changed in March allowing them on the streets.

Wyatt Waterkotte spoke on recycling in town. He stated several people in town desire a trash service that provides recycling. He expressed his disappointment that the council did not go with Republic Services who offered a lower service fee. Wyatt stated the bid is good for 90 days and hopes they will revisit it before that time.

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West is still working on ordinance violations. There are several that are still not in compliance.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they are working on replacing old signs around town. They will be moving things around at Frazier Park and he would like to replace some of the fencing as well. He wants to replace the fencing making it more visually appealing. Deanna Howard said the EDPB would like to donate money to the Athletic Association. Mayor Bobell said the project will have to be bid out.
- **City Treasurer:** Due to the passing of Paula Holcomb's father, there is no report

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Craig Eimer was a no show for safety issues at 200 S. Washington

Penny Pharis would like to know why golf carts are not allowed on Vine Street. She said bicycles, scooters, and lawn mowers go down it. If people on the east side of town want to go to Farmers Family Restaurant, they must go to the west side of town to get there, and if you are on the west side you must go out of your way to get to the Dollar Store. Mayor Bobell explained it is a safety concern due to the speed and heavy traffic. She feels like Washington Street has as much traffic. Officer West again reiterated the safety hazard on Vine Street.

Every year the city donates money to the Phoenix Fire Department to help with the cost of fireworks. In the past the city has donated between \$2-\$3,000, with last year being \$2,000. Paula checked to see which fund the money comes from and it has been the Community Fund. Deanna said the fire department has submitted a grant for \$4,000. She also said she is waiting for a W9 form from them. Randy said the cost of fireworks has gone up with the cost of shipping, etc. Tim feels they should know how much they will need to spend.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Kate Davis, to approve donation of \$3,000.00 to Phoenix Fire Department from General Fund. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Answering nay: Tim Emrick. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the Resolution to amend MFT. Logan Hawker was present to speak on curbside work and concrete. There was only one bid submitted and it was too high so he suggested breaking it down to only curbside. He hopes to attract more bids and a better price. Matt said they are only going to replace the worst catch basins and do the work themselves. He would like to start on them in July. Tim said the number one concern of the public is the condition of the roads. They would like to see the concrete roads sealed, and the machine does that as well as chip & oil. Tim said he needs a plan for what work needs to be done. If he feels he needs help he can come to the council. Matt is trying to utilize MFT money before it expires. He hopes to get 5-8 catch basins done this year.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Kate Davis, to approve amendment to MFT as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. Motion carries.

Mayor Bobell asked if there were any questions on the Resolution for Electrical Aggregation. Tim asked if they knew how much cheaper it would be. Matt said he was not sure, the price changes hourly.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve Resolution for Electrical Aggregation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Answering nay: Tim Emrick. Motion carries.

**Other Business:** Phyllis Beccue, on behalf of the Auxiliary, would like to donate \$1,351.00 to the city. Matt Presswood said they have replaced flags at the flag field and two around the square. He extended his thanks to Phyllis and the Auxiliary.

### **Public Comments:**

### **Executive Session:**

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to enter Executive Session for Litigation: 2022-OV-59. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carries.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to exit Executive Session. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carries.

No action or vote being taken.

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Brad Davis, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carries.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk