

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
The American Legion  
Tuesday, June 22, 2021  
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 were: Alderman Kate Davis, Tim Emrich, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darrin Phillips, Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood, and Chief of Police Tony West. Alderman Dan Smock was absent.

Mayor Bobell then lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Guests:** Phyllis Beccue, Marla Blair, Brad Davis, Kris Hagenbuch, Fred Lamkey (Superintendent of MPCUSD #23), Eric Cowan (President of the School Board), Donnie Neale, and Wyatt Waterkotte

Mayor Bobell would like to entertain a motion to appoint Brad Davis as Alderman for Ward 1.

Motion by Darrin Phillips, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to appoint Brad Davis as Alderman for Ward 1. Roll call vote. All answering aye, the motion carried.

Alderman Brad Davis then took the Oath of Office.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Mayor Bobell went over the claims. Motion by Alderman Phillips, second by Alderman Kate Davis, to approve Consent Agenda. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Wyatt Waterkotte read a letter to the City Council regarding recycling in town. He would like to see recycling brought back to town. Mayor Bobell is standing down, he stated they did plenty of research. He said recycling is not exclusive to just the city, any organization can take it over. Alderman Emrich said there are people outside of the city who have used the recycling, but they do not want to help with it. Alderman Kate Davis has been in touch with they will only offer recycling if the whole town signs up with their trash service. This service wants all trash to put on the curbside, with no alley pickup. She found with being such a small town, options are limited at this point.

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** He is still working on some ordinance violations. Officer Brady Thomas is still training with him.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:**
- **Water/Sewer:** Not a lot to report. Issues are getting better. Equipment is outdated, but they are struggling through.
- **Streets/Alleys:** Things are going smooth. Matt stated he is extremely impressed with the new machine. He thanked the city for purchasing it.

- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer report.

**Old Business:** Mayor Bobell is still waiting on the Development Board to give him the Budget FY21-22. He hopes to get it approved at the July 13, 2021, meeting. Appropriations are due in August.

Nothing new on the Town Square Renovations.

Alderman Kate Davis said the Mt. Pulaski Library will be taking half gallon empty orange juice and milk cartons for recycling. You may drop off any electronics at the Logan County Fairgrounds on July 10, 2021, to be recycled from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**New Business:** Mayor Bobell will be out of town for the July 13, 2021, meeting. There will need to be a Mayor Pro Tem selected. He told the Alderman to talk among themselves and decide on who it will be.

Mayor Bobell would like to entertain a motion to give all full time and part-time employees a 3% raise excluding the police.

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Randy Hagenbuch, to approve a 3% raise to full and part-time city employees, excluding the police. Roll call vote. All answering aye, the motion carried.

After some discussion over the ordinance change, Alderman Tim Emrich stated there needs to be some check and balance in place for the Economic Advisory Board. They have spent \$180,000 that the Council does not know what it was used for. Tim will write up a proposal and have Jordan Klein, the City Attorney read over for any changes that may need to be made.

Building Inspector, Greg Maus, was present to discuss an updated building code to include solar energy. He has been receiving emails asking what level solar code was in place. He feels the 2012 code will cover everything. In two to three years, they will look at it again.

Motion by Alderman Darrin Phillips, second by Alderman Kate Davis, to begin the process to update Solar Code IBC 2012. Roll call vote. All answering aye, the motion carried.

School Board President, Eric Cowan addressed the City Council asking they pay for the removal of the retaining wall and replace the sidewalk at the front of the Mt. Pulaski High School building. The cost of the project is \$75,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Phillips, second by Alderman Hagenbuch, to appropriate \$75,000.00 for MPHS sidewalk project. Roll call vote. All answering aye, the motion carried.

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:** Phyllis Beccue was present to extend her thanks to Matt Presswood and the city workers for all their help with the banner project. They put up eighty-nine banners around town. The banner will be in place until Veteran's Day. Phyllis is happy to have an additional 79 on the list for next year. The price of the banner will be the same. With money saved on reusing some of the brackets, she hopes to purchase new flags.

Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

Anna Beckers – City Clerk