

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
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 John Aylesworth, Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Also present were Chief West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard. Absent was Sean McCormick.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Ben Butler, David Butler, and Michelle Hagenbuch

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

Public Comments: Ben Butler addressed the council regarding sidewalks. He lives on N. Spring St and has bricks from an old sidewalk coming up in the yard creating a hazard to kids and neighbors. Ben said it is not a good place to be on the street with the curve close by. He said it is imperative to have sidewalks for safety.

Reports by Officers

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West has gotten a quote for the Sangamon-Logan system. For the car and all body cams for a 3yr plan would cost \$14,000 a year or the 5yr plan for \$10,000 a year. Lincoln uses this system as well. He will be able to send messages from his car instead of having to go into the office. Mayor Bobell would like to have a paper copy before the next meeting to get approval. Tony also reported Andrea Dykman has purchased the properties of 112 N. Vine St, 321 N Vine St, and 313 N. Washington St. She is fixing them up for rentals.

- **Director of Public Works:** Matt has been talking with Damian Larson, president of the Athletic Association about Frazier Park. Damian said they have bought new batting cages and a mat for the park. He also wants to fix the back field. Mayor Bobell said we are not rebuilding dugouts but there will be a chain link fence put in. Matt reported a snag in the partial demo of the N. Washington building due to utilities going to other parts of the buildings. Mayor Bobell feels Ameren and IAW should be responsible for their own removals. Matt hopes to get the roofing on City Hall scheduled soon.

- **Treasurers Report:** Dee gave the treasurers report.

New Business: Joe Butler has been checking for signs that are faded, damaged, or crooked. He stated a lot were replaced last year, but there are about forty signs that are not legible or leaning from Chestnut to Cooke Street. Matt said he has them but has not gotten them all out yet. Mayor would like to have extra signs on hand to replace as needed. There was some discussion about allowing parking along Chestnut Street. It was decided to leave it as it is, with no parking allowed.

Since there has been no word on the Safe Route Joe thought the sidewalk to the gas stations could be started. Matt said that would be the priority with Vine Street being done then branch out to other heavily trafficked sidewalks. Mayor Bobell would like to get a priority list. John said there needs to be a sidewalk to Frazier Park for kids' safety.

At the last meeting, the council wanted clarification on ordinances for vacant houses. Mayor Bobell read the ordinances and nowhere does it say a house has to be occupied. Joe asked in it harbors animals is that considered dangerous conditions and would it work for an ordinance violation. Greg Maus was present and said he would work with them. He and Brian Adams must determine if the property is dangerous. He went on to say usually within 3 years someone will come in and buy ones that taxes are owed.

Joe was concerned that only one side of the square was being focused on and the other side needed to have the steps repaired. Dee said the plans incorporate the whole square. John asked if there were any notes from the meeting. Dee will send slides to the council. There will be another community meeting in April.

A couple of years ago someone came to a meeting about Workcamp. They would like to come this year from June 16-22. They go around and do projects that people have applied for.

Old Business: The IMRF resolution has been tabled again for the April 9th meeting.

Other Business: None

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion by John Aylesworth, second by Kate Davis, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers- City Clerk