

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, May 10, 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: Aldermen Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch & Darin Phillips. Also present was Police Chief, Tony West and Director of Public Works, Matt Presswood.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Absent: Aldermen Emrick & Alderman Smock & City Attorney Jordan Klein.

Recognition of Guests: Joe Butler, Steve Dinger, Deeanna Howard, Michelle Hagenbuch, Tony Moore & Donny Neal.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Alderman Brad Davis and second by Alderman Hagenbuch, to approve Consent Agenda Items, Claims and Accounts and the April Minutes. Roll call vote, all answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch and Darin Phillips. No nays. Motion carried

Public Comments - Agenda items only:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Reported that 521 South Spring Street is looking better. They have the outside of the yard where all the discarded items were located picked up and the gates installed on the fencing.
Tomorrow, 05/11/22 I will also be serving three Ordinance Violations at 508 East Cooke Street for Grass Height, Inoperable Vehicle, Exterior Property.
On Monday 05/09/22 Brady made a traffic stop and arrested Glen A. Hatcher from Springfield, IL on Driving on a Revoked Driver's License, possessing of a Controlled Substance and a Sangamon County Warrant for failure to appear Manufacture Delivery of a Controlled Substance.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Reported that they've rented a lift for 1month to hang the Veteran's banners around town and do some tree trimming as well. Larry Conaway was low bidder for the concrete pad needed for the emulsion storage tank. Matt also stated he has a meeting with a fence company later this week on Thursday. The bleachers at Topper Field will be moved to the t-ball field since Topper Field is no longer in use. Matt has got all the mowing caught up after all the rain from last week.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- **General Penalty:** Mayor Bobell stated City Attorney Jordan Klein is absent today and is working on these issues and will give the Council an update at the next Council meeting on

5/24/22. Alderman Hagenbuch stated the City workers did a good job securing the old “Carriage House”.

- **RFP for Garbage Service:** Alderman Phillips gave a summary of the solid waste survey: Based off 800 residences, we had about a 22% response. Per the results it’s about 50/50 for alley vs street pickup. Results on moving their pickup location are skewed, as it was not set up so only people with alley service would respond. Results say 90 people have alley pickup. Results of the “would you move your pickup” are 70 no’s., comparing it just to the 90 that say they have all pickup, that’s an almost 77% “no” vote. While I think many people would be happy with the cost savings, I still feel most of the alley pickups do not want to have to move their garbage to the street. There also some discussion with the guests and with Tony Moore, with Republic Services. This issue was tabled, and no action taken.

New Business:

- **The Stone River Group – Electric Aggregation:** Justin Cheger was the rep with Stone River Group. He gave a presentation regarding rates for the residents of Mt. Pulaski. Mayor Bobell asked Justin to supply him and the Council with more information to be discussed at the next Council meeting on 5/24/22.
- **E3i Ventures / Xtreme Fireworks:** Needed clarification for the hours of service for the fireworks tent. No action taken. Tabled until the next meeting on 5/24/22.
- **Delta Dental Renewal:** The rates did not increase. All City employees are happy with the current plan. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to renew this insurance. Motion by Alderman Brad Davis and a second by Alderman Phillips. All in favor say Aye. All answered Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **J.M. Abbott’s Annual Renewal:** The annual renewal for J.M. Abbott’s is June 1st. Paula was asked if she like working with Abbott’s, the reply was “Yes”, overall, a good relationship. Mayor Bobell said he’d entertain a motion to renew with Abbott’s. Motion by Alderman Kate Davis and a second by Alderman Hagenbuch. All in favor say Aye. All answered Aye, no Nays. Motion passes.
- **ARPA Grant:** Mayor Bobell stated the money can be used for Public Safety & Administrative payroll. He wanted the Council to continue to review the “Final Rule” options for the ARPA Grant money over the next few months and see if there are other options they’d like to entertain.
- **Conditional Use Permit – Kwik-Wall:** Mayor Bobell stated there would have to be a Public Hearing on this issue later this month. No action taken on this issue. This will be tabled until the June 14, 2022, Council meeting.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

- Resident Joe Butler had signed in to speak regarding his tree requests / process of these and beautification in Mt. Pulaski. Paula Holcomb explained the tree request process, tree committee meetings, etc. Joe asked if his request was denied, could he still cut a City tree down at his expense, and Mayor Bobell stated that this is an ordinance violation and he could be fined. Mayor Bobell suggested he come to the Council later if there are any issues in the future. Public Works Director-Presswood, stated he can deem a tree dangerous or a safety hazard and the City could cut it down. Joe’s 2nd issue was regarding “the Beautification of Mt. Pulaski”. Joe stated that he’s noticed quite a few street & stop signs that are in poor condition or illegible. Public Works Director Presswood stated that he is currently working on this project and taking inventory of all the street & stop signs in Mt. Pulaski that need replaced or repaired.
- Deeanna Howard with the EDPB gave the following update: “According to Farm Fed Co-op they are in negotiations with the new owner of the Stahl’s Furniture building to sign a lease for 10,000

square feet of the building. They have an agreement with a buyer for the old True Value building that will also bring a new business to town. It will be small engine repairs”.

Executive Session:

Adjourn:

- Mayor Bobell said he entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Alderman Phillips second by Alderman Kate Davis to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Paula Holcomb