

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The City Hall
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken.

Present: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis. Also present was Officer West.

Absent:

Mayor Bobell led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Donnie Neale, Joyce Maxheimer, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Wyatt Waterkotte.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Dan Smock, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to approve the Consent Agenda items, Minutes, Claims and Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, Brad Davis, and Kate Davis. No nay. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Donnie Neale agrees with recycling in town but does not agree that everyone has to go with the same service. He also said if you have service at 1 residence then you shouldn't have to pay service at another residence. Wyatt Waterkotte stated that any of the three companies that presented to the Council were all cheaper than what we have now, plus you get recycling.

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported Brady Thomas is doing well. Dollar General called about a suspicious package. The bomb squad was called to check it out. Office West said it turned out to be nothing. The store was closed for about an hour and a half.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:**
- Before the curb work started at the high school there was a minor change that needed to be made. The change added about \$2,500 to the project but it is still under budget. Wyatt Waterkotte said the city has begun working on the sidewalk and curbside. They are at a standstill due to JULIE not marking the phone lines to the school. The fax line and the fire reporting system was affected.
- **Water/Sewer:** They are working out the operational transition as far as sampling and reporting of the IEPA information to the person who will be the new operator of the Pulaski facilities. The closing date is December 17th. There is going to be a meet and greet at the American Legion in December.
- **Streets/Alley:** Leaf pick up begun.
- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell read the treasure's report.

Old Business: As far as the proposed ordinance change for trash and recycling, Mayor Bobell has looked at several municipalities web pages to get an idea of what they did. It all depends on what company they picked. Matt said in speaking with Jordan Klein he has done several waste management ordinances but usually the company has their own draft they give you. Mayor Bobell said if they're ready to go with it, they must decide what they want on the RFP. Jordan said they are not obligated to take any bid.

Mayor Bobell would like to have more people come in to talk about options in investing. This is fairly new territory for Jordan, and he highly recommends they get someone who know the limitations. Mayor Bobell asked the Council to start calling some investment companies.

New Business: The Contract with Frazier Park will expire at the end of November. Matt wants the Council to look it over and see if any changes may need to be made. It was suggested that more money be given to the park. The lighting needs to be repaired as it's a big safety issue. The EDPB was supposed to come up with some plans, but nothing has been given to Matt. If they come up with a plan the city will give them \$150,000. One council member stated if you do not have kids, you don't really think about the fields. Matt said sports tourism does mean something and he would really love to see some plans.

The Committee Appointments are as follows:

Water/Sewer – Tim Emrick and Brad Davis

Streets/Alleys – Dan Smock and Randy Hagenbuch

Police – Kate Davis and Brad Davis

Finance – Darin Phillips and Tim Emrick

Financial Planning Ordinance – Dan Smock, Brad Davis, and Tim Emrick

The City Financial Plan deadline is January.

The city has been giving Logan County RPC donations for the past five years. Mayor Bobell said we should pay our share for services. Even though the city doesn't use it it's good to have.

Other Business: EDR has been extended to January 26, 2022 for TIF.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Motion by Dan Smock , second by Brad Davis to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Anna Beckers – City Clerk