

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
City Hall
Tuesday, September 13, 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: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. Absent were Tim Emrick and Dan Smock. Also present were Officer Tony West, Matt Presswood, and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Debra May, Wyatt Waterkotte, and Michelle Hagenbuch

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

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported a window was broken at the courthouse during the Fall Festival. The person responsible confessed and will pay for the damage. Both the grade school and high school held their drills this week. They went smoothly with the exception of one class having a hard time sitting quietly. This drill is required by law and must be done within so many days of school starting. The owners of the Carriage house came and worked on the garage making it a little more stable. They live out of state and Tony isn't sure when they'll be back.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported the Fall Festival went well. They left 2 tents up due to the rain to dry out before putting them up. Matt said he'll be renting the lift to do some more tree work as well as do some alley work.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the treasurers report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Debra May was present to discuss the condition of the property at 104 S. Washington Street. She wrote a letter which Mayor Bobell read to the council. It stated in the letter the council abated the property in a previous meeting. Jordan Klein explained he filed a complaint in July. There are 3 properties in town that he's trying to do all at once. He will try to get a hearing for early December. Jordan wants to get deed for property to take ownership, once that is done then we'll see what to do. Dee Howard said there is dust coming from the cracks in the walls and the roof is

now sagging. Debra is afraid of the gas lines should the building shift. Kate Davis said a formal complaint to Ameren should work, they don't mess around with gas lines.

Jordan Klein heard back from GFL and they are in agreement with all the requests the council asked for. The next step is to vote on the contract. The projected start date is November 1, 2022.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Joe Butler, to approve GFL Residential Waste Contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Butler, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, and Randy Hagenbuch. No nay. Motion carried.

The proposed ordinance was given to the council to look over. The rates will be cheaper by having all residents sign up with 1 company. Jordan said if there are any changes the council would like to please let him know.

The 2022 Tax Levy is usually determined by the EVA. Looking it over the council would like to keep it the same. There will be a Truth & Taxation Hearing. Mayor Bobell will advise Sally Turner there will be no changes.

Dee Howard gave a report on the EDPB. They are still working on the grant process. Brad Davis asked how people know about grants that are available. Dee stated she would like to see them advertised in the future. The council is happy to see her coming to the meetings as it helps with the transparency.

Other Business:

Mayor Bobell is still looking for an auditor. Jordan has spoken with a lady from Taylorville who will help with the 2023 audit. She will also help get an extension with the comptroller for 2022. Jordan is hoping when she has finished her auditing for 2022 she can start on ours.

Matt Presswood inquired on the status of the \$5,000 grant from Logan County to be used on city parks. They will use the money to fix up Frazier Park. Dee added the EDPB would like to donate money toward the park as well. She will meet with Matt to discuss what needs there are.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda: None

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Randy Hagenbuch, to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk