

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The American Legion
Tuesday, September 27, 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: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. Absent were Tim Emrick and Dan Smock. Also present were Matt Presswood and Dee Howard.

Mayor Bobell then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Wyatt Waterkotte, Michelle Hagenbuch, and Brad Aylesworth

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: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. No nay. Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West was not able to attend the meeting tonight.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt reported they are busy with ditch work. He plans to do some tree work before they get to busy with the leaves. There are seven trees that are approved to be removed. The trees on Flora Drive are not on city property so the owner can do what he wants. He stated the cost of the snowblower is \$4,050.00 and the truck blade will be \$10,400.00. He suggested using the sewer funds since we do not the sewers anymore.
- **City Treasurer:** Dee Howard gave the treasurers report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Representatives from Invenergy (Top Hat Wind) were present to give an update on the proposed windmills. They submitted a Permanent Application yesterday. Top Hat Wind is looking at installing 60 windmills from the eastern side of Beason into Latham and Mt. Pulaski. There will be 2 sited within the Mt. Pulaski boundary NE of town. These will be less than the 1.5 miles they should be. A certified letter will be sent to anyone who lives ¼ mile from a parcel of land with a turbine. There will be an open informational meeting on October 25, 2022 held at the Mt. Pulaski Grade School.

The 2022 Tax Levy is completed. The council chose to go with the lowest rate which will lower taxes.

Motion by Brad Davis, second by Joe Butler, to approve 2022 Tax Levy as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. No nay. Motion carried.

Jordan emailed the ordinance to all council members to look over. Brad pointed out a small typo on page 7, #17. It should read “city should have no” instead of to. He also asked for a change on page 4, #9, to remove “hide” from the street.

Motion by Joe Butler, second by Brad Davis, to approve Ordinance for Residential Refuse Removal Program as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Joe Butler. No nay. Motion carried.

Joe Butler is concerned about the drains on Vine Street that are not working. Water runs down the hill on Vine Street bringing sediment that just sits at Harry Street. The problem is black top has been placed on top of concrete hindering proper drainage. Matt Presswood agreed they should have milled more concrete off before blacktopping. Matt would like to mill the street down and redo it. Mayor Bobell advised him to get with the engineer and get it done. The question was asked if the drains are shot. Matt said most of them are clay tiles and about a dozen will have to be dug up and replaced with plastic. To replace the tile work at Frazier Park will cost about \$150,000. Matt does not see a need for an engineer to do Frazier Park, as he feels they can do it themselves. They can try sliplining some of the tile. Joe also wants to see several streetlights replaced that are either out or to dim. Ameren will replace the lights, but they will need a tag and pole number. Mayor will have Tony talk to Brady about getting information on lights that need replaced.

Other Business: None

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