

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting
The City Hall
Tuesday August 14, 2021
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order and roll call taken.

Present: Alderman Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, Darin Phillips, Dan Smock arrived at 6:43 P.M. Also present was Chief of Police, Tony West.

Absent: Matt Presswood, Director of Public Works was absent.

Mayor Bobell led the meeting in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Wyatt Waterkotte, Donnie Neale, Michelle Hagenbuch, Kris Hagenbuch and Marla Blair.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Alderman Kate Davis, second by Alderman Hagenbuch, to approve the Consent Agenda items, Minutes, and Claims & Accounts. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Tim Emrick, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. No nay. Motion carried. Mayor Bobell informed Wyatt Waterkotte the FCCLA officer sign is in and they are waiting for IDOT to install it.

Public Comments:

Reports by Officers:

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Officer West reported the annual drill at the schools went very well. There will be a retirement party for Officer Doug McCartney on October, 10th from 1:00-4:00 at The Old Brickyard in the back room.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Due to Matt not being able to make the meeting Mayor Bobell reported. There have been some trees trimmed along the bus route in town at a cost of \$6,400.00. Matt Presswood wanted to thank everyone for help especially putting up tents. The Fall Festival was a great success. City thanks the Hilltop Club and the Fall Festival Committee for their time and effort.
- **Water/Sewer:** Jordan Klein, City Attorney, gave some updates on Illinois American Water as far as surveys and meetings. Shannon and Jordan have talked on several occasions and IAW plans on trying to close on the transaction by the end of the year. ICC is trying to set December 15th as the approval date and then have December 16th set as the closing date. A land surveyor is going to come out and walk through all the parcels of land that need to be divided along with Matt Presswood, Jordan, and a representative of Eric Larson. Jordan wants there to be reps from both sides to explain what they city needs to keep to maintain its operations. The city wants to keep the gazebo on the square.

- **City Treasurer:** Mayor Bobell reported on the deposits. The ARPA applied for are due to come in soon. The first installment is \$99,850.00. Mayor Bobell thanked Paula for a great job filling that out and getting it turned in. He wants the council to start thinking about what to spend it on. There are several things they can do with it. One option is to use it as a stimulus program for citizens of our town.

Old Business:

The Economic Advisory Board didn't make it on the agenda, however Mayor Bobell asked Jordan to talk on the development with ENEL. Jordan stated he was able to meet with two people with ENEL and their attorney about our concerns and revising the ordinance. They were receptive to our position but were hesitant to entertain any substantial revision to the ordinance for fear it might frustrate how things operate. They desire to keep giving to the city and appreciate the relationship with us. Alderman Emrick sent a proposal taking out two sections of the ordinance. Jordan pointed that out to Jesse. Jordan stated it is up to the council how they want to proceed. He is comfortable keeping the ordinance as is but simply choosing to enforce it differently. Alderman Brad Davis asked Jordan if ENEL has a problem with the ordinance now. Jordan replied no or they wouldn't keep giving us money. We aren't following that highlighted section that Tim wants taken out. He then asked Jordan if he felt they would have a problem with the proposed ordinance. Jordan feels they would. Mayor Bobell stated the city gave ENEL permission to give the Economic Advisory Board the gift. ENEL said Mt. Pulaski is the only city they are giving money to with a plan like they have. Tim would like to see where the Economic Board has spent their \$184,00.00. Mayor Bobell said anyone on the council can get the bank statements if they request. Jordan stated ENEL is very pleased with how things are being done. After further discussion this will be on the September 28, 2021 agenda.

New Business:

Tax Levy is due at the end of December. Senator Sally Turner use to come to the meetings and explain how the levy works but she's very busy at this time. If anyone has questions Mayor Bobell stated Sally would be happy to answer them.

Hilliary Cherry has recently resigned from the EDPB. Mayor Bobell has asked Corey Leonard to fill the position. He has some ideas for the town and Mayor Bobell thinks he'll do a great job

Motion by Kate Davis, second by Dan Smock, to appoint Corey Leonard as EDPB member. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Dan Smock, Brad Davis, Kate Davis, Randy Hagenbuch, and Darin Phillips. Answering present: Tim Emrick. No nay. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Motion by Darin Phillips, second by Brad Davis to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Anna Beckers – City Clerk