

Mt. Pulaski City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019  
6:30pm

**Present:** Mayor Bobell, City Attorney Jordan Klein, Alderman Emrick, Maxheimer, Rentmeister, Chief of Police Tony West, City Treasurer Tricia Aylesworth, Director of public works Matt Presswood.

**Absent:** Alderman Smock

**Recognition of Guests:** Debbie Lyon, Chris Neaville and Doug Johnson

The City Council meeting was called to order, Mayor Bobell presided. Mayor Bobell led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Neaville to approve the items of business under the **consent agenda**; Claims and accounts and the minutes from the previous meeting. All voting yea- the motion carried.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items Only:** Chris Neaville stated a lot of communities around us are voting against the sale of recreational marijuana. Chris suggests the council to wait a year or so to see how this is all going to pan out with other communities.

**Reports by Officers:**

- **Police Chief Tony West:** Tony stated several drills and annual safety at the schools have been completed.
- **Director of Public Works Matt Presswood:** Matt presented the council with a memorandum. Matt would like a plan to proceed forward with the **leaf vac program**. The leaf vac machine is in need of repairs, an estimated cost for repairs is \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00. Matt stated the machine is 18 years old and has physically wore itself out. Alderman Rentmeister stated he would look into the cost of renting a machine.

Matt stated they are waiting on the pump to come back for **lift station 3**. Once it is back then the process will start over for the next pump.

Matt stated **Spring St. will be closed** by the High School due to a valve problem on the city end.

- **City Treasurer, Tricia Aylesworth:** Deposits to date: \$30,894.00  
The **annual audit** will begin next week with Estes, Bridgewater and Ogden.

**Old Business:** Mayor Bobell stated Tom Martin requested the **TIF extension** to be discussed. Alderman Neaville stated there are still funds in the account and would like project ideas that would benefit the whole area at the old Johnson's Food Center. Mayor Bobell stated there is a business plan within the TIF district. Alderman Emrick stated anyone within the TIF district can approach the City about projects.

City Attorney, Jordan Klein stated Alderman Neaville contacted him about the 3% sales tax on the **recreational marijuana sales**. The City needs to decide what will and will not be allowed and what restrictions need to be added. A town meeting was suggested to see what the public has to say. Mayor Bobell stated he will contact the church to get something scheduled.

Mayor Bobell stated City Attorney, Jordan Klein is still waiting on a response from a land owner on the **Bates Road** matter of business. The council is in agreement to request for Jordan to send a follow up letter to the land owner.

Alderman Neaville stated he feels the City should go with the **utility aggregation** that was presented at the last meeting. This matter of business will be added to the next council meeting agenda.

**New Business:** Mayor Bobell stated there is no **business district appropriation** at this time.

Alderman Neaville stated he attended the **town renovation** meeting. The development board would like to know what the cities plan is. Does the city want to replace fire hydrants while the corners are being done?

**Other Business:** There is a **zoning board meeting** November 4, 2019 at City Hall.

Alderman Neaville stated the council had discussed the **building inspector's position**. Building Inspector, Greg Maus prepared and discussed a packet about the position. Mayor Bobell stated the council will read this and ask any questions that may arise. Greg stated he would recommend updating the City codes to 2018.

Alderman Neaville he would like to get a **sign for the recycling center**. Mayor Bobell stated for Alderman Neaville to move forward with getting a sign as seen fit.

**Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:** Debbie Lyon lives on N. Garden and in a heavy rain the ditch fills up and floods her yard. This has been going on for a while. Matt stated the city has not previously been able to locate a culvert. Matt will look into this matter again.

**Executive Session:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Rentmeister and seconded by Alderman Maxheimer to **adjourn** the meeting. All voting yea—the motion carried.

Kelly Cowan- City Clerk