

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Phil Hartman rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER  
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmariski, absent, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, ROLL CALL  
Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Ms. Ann Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the November 8, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 2016 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$684,848.32 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the November 22<sup>nd</sup> water & sewer COMMITTEES  
committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Alderman Grim reported the estimated delivery date for the new van was around the first of the year.
2. Ms. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services was in attendance and presented and update of the ongoing infrastructure projects.
3. Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and reported of the status of the wastewater treatment plant facility study and the flood mitigation and geotechnical plan projects. Mr. Wagner provided a task order for MSA to complete the NPDES permit application for the City's wastewater treatment plant with the IEPA at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Mayor Bates stated that this item would be on the agenda for the next council meeting.
4. Discussed the ongoing repairs at the sewer plant facility and the water leak repairs.
5. Operator Greg Kloopping reported of what he would be doing to make application to the State to get a test date for the wastewater treatment plant operator certification.
6. Capital Improvement Plan – Sharon Pepin would be scheduling a CIP WORK MEETING  
work meeting with the city department heads to come up with notable projects for the Capital Improvement Plan. Another meeting with the city council could be scheduled for the regular meeting date on December 13<sup>th</sup> to go over those projects and review what resources would be needed to provide fairly accurate cost estimates. This meeting could be incorporated with committee meetings for that December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
7. Alderman Grim noted the need for more volunteers to be on the pool committee for the feasibility study.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee FINANCE  
meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the Holiday bonuses for the city employees. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Noted that a draft of the tax levy was available for the council to review before the next regular council meeting.

Under old business the council discussed the status of the vacant and unkept properties. City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that the judicial deed for the Miller Street property should be signed over by the judge sometime before the end of December. He stated that the one known resident in the Market Street "Bushy Flats" property had recently passed away. He stated he was still going to contact a building inspector and would be investigating what was needed to move forward.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to hire Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services to update the City's Capital Improvement Plan at a cost not to exceed \$2,800. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass Resolution No. R11-16, A Resolution Regulating Control of Travel Expenses Pursuant to Public Act 099-9604. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Resolution No. R11-16 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council member present.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

1. The letter from the IEPA regarding the loan for the new water meters and replacement fire hydrants projects.
2. The letter from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the services the organization provides to municipalities.
3. Moring Disposal, Inc. report of picking up 26,080 pounds of recycling materials during the month of October.
4. The letter from the US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, regarding the community relations board meetings. Mayor Bates stated he would not be able to attend the next meeting. Alderman Risko stated he would like to attend.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 13, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector