

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jim Fiser 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 Kaczmarek, present, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarek,
yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2015 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes,
and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$440,066.60 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the June 9th recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES
RECREATION

1. Noted the approval of the committee to name Alderman Joe Grim as chairperson for the board.
2. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarek seconded to WSI TRAINING
approve the reimbursement of the second one half of WSI training fee for the swimming pool
employees that return for a second year as a City pool employee and would instruct the lessons.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, and
Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Discussed the use of the umbrellas for sun screening.
4. Alderman Kaczmarek reported that he had talked with the school BASKETBALL COURT
principal about the use of the basketball court by the pool facility. He reported she would be
agreeable to work with the City to allow the use of the old court if the basketball hoops could be
improved. To check on what would be needed for their improvement.
5. Noted the pool building and pool look good. Much work done by the Stephanie Hughes family.
The council expressed their appreciation.
6. Noted the golf outing fundraiser scheduled for July 24th at GOLF FUNDRAISER
at Oakville Country Club. To ask the lifeguards and managers to help with getting raffle items
for the event.
7. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve EQUIPMENT PURCHASE
the purchase of 2 new lounge chairs and possibly up to 2 umbrellas at a cost not to exceed
\$500.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers,
Yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the June 9th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Discussed the maintenance of the equipment.
2. Noted the Mayfest preparation. Several comments that the crew did a very good job this year.
3. Street Superintendent Dauphin reported of the streets he would like to get quotes for sealcoating.

Listing of streets: re-seal East Street by the school, Southeast Lane, re-seal the Frey Subdivision, Campbell Street, Middle Street, Miller Street, West Street and State Street. Will report back with a cost estimate.

4. Discussed proposed improvements at Point Rock Park to the disc golf course and playground equipment.
5. Noted there was not a major problem with moles this year so far at the park. Will set out traps if needed.
6. Report that summer help was going well.
7. Getting the demolition permit for the removal of the garage on the City's State Street property.
8. Gravestone repair with Mr. Jon Appel was being done this week.
9. The planks have been ordered for the repair of the Galena Street Bridge.
10. Quote from Merema Brothers of Fulton, IL for a new NEW MOWER
Grasshopper 61" mid mount mower for use mostly at the cemetery was presented. Total cost with government discount and trade of the Simplicity Cobalt mower was \$8,050.00. Alderman Grim presented the streets committee recommendation to purchase the new mower from Merema Brothers at the total cost of \$8,050.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
11. Alderman Grim reported the Parks and Recreation MAPPING our Community group would be on the grounds of Point Rock Park on Saturday, June 13th to paint the bathroom building.
12. Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise Night organizer, reported that a Model T car club would be in town on June 18th and asked for a few street cones to save room on Market Street for them to have parking for the 1-2 hours they were here. No objections were presented.

Mayor Bates reported that the council might want to consider repairing all of the planks on Galena Street Bridge this year. Each board cost \$140.00.

Alderman Powers reported of the June 9th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Reported of the gravestone repair work with Mr. Jon Appel. Did 16 stones today with the city crew and about 30 stones altogether had been cleaned or repaired this month.
2. The board discussed the Cemetery Endowment Pledge project. The goal of \$10,000 was to be reached by the first of July this year of the monies that have been collected would be returned.

Alderman Powers reported of the June 9th license & ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE meeting:

1. Discussion of the proposed sign ordinance. Decision to table this SIGN ORDINANCE draft. Alderman Powers asked to work with Alderman Bergren to put together another draft.
2. Mr. James Fiser, Mt. Carroll, was in attendance and addressed the NOISE COMPLAINT Council about the live band that was at the business to the noth of his residence this last weekend. He wanted to know how the enforcement of the ordinances would be handled. He has made a couple of calls this summer so far and has not been satisfied. He stated it seemed like the local officers were not trained how to use the decibel meter. Mayor Bates stated that he would like a call from Mr. Fiser if he was not satisfied with how the calls to the police department have been handled.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the June 9th finance committee FINANCE meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

Mayor Bates reported that time ran out to complete the police committee meeting before having to adjourn to the public hearing for the close out of the CDAP grant. The police committee meeting was rescheduled on the agenda for later this evening after general audience.

Mayor Bates reported he had met with the city attorney recently and he had pulled his file to look at the vacant properties on West State Street and Miller Street. Mayor Bates reported that the owner of the State Street property had contacted him and asked if the City would have an interest in purchasing that property since it was adjoining Lowden Park. No comments were presented.

Discussion was held on the planning commission recommendation to deny the request from Ms. Dondi Polzin, 504 S. Jackson Street, to maintain six (6) dogs at the residence for a specific training program for two (2) of the adult dogs. Alderman Grim commented and made a motion that was not seconded, to deny the planning commission recommendation and grant a variance to allow the six dogs at the residence. He stated he did not have any concerns about the public health or the health of the animals. The nuisance complaints he heard about were regarding loud music and weeds in the backyard. The dog barking issues could be addressed when they came up. Alderman Kaczmariski stated he felt this was a great idea, but did not think it belonged in this location. Alderman Powers stated he felt that if you got a survey of the neighbors that they would not be in favor of this either. He stated he admired what Ms. Polzin has done. He questioned the wording and clarification of the paragraph that talked about the number of dogs and cats addressing a kennel not necessarily how many dogs and cats you could own. He felt there was not something specified anywhere to address this business or really the ownership of the animals. Mayor Bates noted he had talked with the city attorney. If anything was to be considered it would be the number of dogs and cats not whether there could be a special use to have a business. He noted there was some discussion in Morrison, IL regarding whether to set some limits on the number of animals at a residence. Sterling, Rock Falls and Dixon have a limit of three animals and one community included rabbits in the pet listing. Ms. Polzin reported she had found homes for the cats. Mr. Robert Speer, a neighbor, was in attendance and just asked the council members if they would like this next door to them. Alderman Grim also asked if it was decided to maintain the limit of dogs at four, could Ms. Polzin receive an extension of time to July 9th in order to have the two dogs removed from the residence to come into compliance. Ms. Polzin asked if she could be given a probationary time period and then have a review of how this was managed at her residence. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to table this matter to the June 23rd regular council meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, no, Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

The next item on the agenda was the planning commission recommendation to approve the special use permit request to operate an antique shop at 407 South Clay Street. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the recommendation from the planning commission as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the raffle license for the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, Mr. Jim Fiser, Mt. Carroll resident, asked about making calls to the police department when he experienced future problems, and Mr. Len Anderson reported of the June 20th Car Cruise night activity.

Mayor Bates reported that the council would now go to the police committee meeting. Chief Cass provided a monthly activity report for May 2015. POLICE

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned this meeting into executive session at 8:22 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 8:46 p.m.
No action from the closed session was presented.

From correspondence Mayor Bates noted the information from Thomson, IL regarding their activities for one of their Sesquicentennial events on June 20th.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the June 23, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector