

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Loretta Lott 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, present,

ROLL CALL

Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.

Alderman Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Karen Kromer gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve

MINUTES

the minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kazcmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to authorize

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2015 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kazcmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$576,103.31

FINANCIAL REPORT

as of today.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Grim reported of the July 28<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee meeting:

WATER & SEWER

1. The fire hydrant flushing is about 60% completed to date. It was noted that there would be some maintenance items to present to the committee at a future meeting.
2. There was an electrical issue at the water tower and well #4 today. All was repaired.
3. Pool operation going well. There is a grate at the bottom of the pool that will need replacing once the pool is drained for the season. So far it has been repaired to get us through the season.
4. Alderman Grim reported the golf outing fundraiser for the pool went well. 38 golfers and the total proceeds after expenses was \$579.65.
5. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance

SEWER PLANT STUDY

and reported that the sewer plant facility report was ready for the City to review. He asked if the council would consider a time when the engineer, Nick Wagner, could meet with the sewer plant staff and other city officials to review the study and provide comments. To contact the water and sewer superintendent to schedule a date for this meeting.

Alderman Powers reported of the July 28<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Powers reported the City would be reviewing the sign ordinance and the dog ordinance. He reported that he had a sample sign ordinance from a community in Wisconsin that he felt explained the use of the digital signs and placement. Would like to incorporate some or the entire sample ordinance along with what Alderman Bergren has presented to date. Alderman Bergren expressed his concern about restricting the light lumens. That could make it more difficult to enforce. To review this information and report back. The committee discussed the dog ordinance. Alderman Powers noted he felt some more definitions needed to be added to the current draft and a clear description of the limits proposed in the number of animals that could be allowed at a single residence. He stated he would like to work with Alderman Grim to put this together and then pass along to the City Attorney for his review. Hope to have a final draft in the

near future.

- 2. Heard a report about the court appearance yesterday regarding the dog ordinance code violation with the property owner located at 504 S. Jackson Street. Continued to another hearing to be in September.
- 3. Mr. Joe Kramer, Mount Carroll, was in attendance and reported that an individual has brought in several dogs into the property next door to him. He was questioning the regulations for that? Mayor Bates stated he was not sure whether that property was considered within the corporate limits or not. It was located, along with Mr. Kramer, on the south side of Illinois Route 40. Would check on that matter.

Alderman Kaczmarek reported of the July 28<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

- 1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
- 2. Mayor Bates reported he attended the memorial for the young men lost in the grain bin accident 5 years ago. He brought in the plaque to be displayed at the arboretum on the Campbell Center facility for the council to look at before being installed.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmarek seconded to pass ORDINANCE Ordinance No. 2015-7-2, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND RYAN HANDEL d/b/a CAR TUNES 2.0. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, no. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. Ordinance No. 2015-7-2 was adopted by majority roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSES raffles licenses for the Good Samaritan Society – Mount Carroll and the Friends of the Mt. Carroll Township Library. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve to MAPPING TOWN sponsor the Mount Carroll MAPPING the Future of Our Community MEETING SPONSORSHIP Town Meeting at the West Carroll Middle School building on September 12<sup>th</sup> – Inclusive of providing liability insurance coverage for the event. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, Mr. Len Anderson, Mount Carroll, presented GENERAL AUDIENCE \$50.00 to Alderman Risko to be added to the cemetery fund from the sale of the t-shirts. Ms. Loretta Lott, Mill Street, was in attendance to report of the unkept property located next door to her and the issues associated with this matter. Mr. Bob Sisler, Benton Street, was in attendance and commented about the K-9 officer and the Galena Street Bridge. Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the CDC had been contacted by a potential new business looking to locate here and the next Open Mic night would be August 19<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Bergren commented that he had some information from the State news that the governor was looking at ways to withhold the video gaming monies that went to the communities. Ms. Michelle Fossett, Chair of the MAPPING Town Meeting committee, was in attendance and expressed her appreciation to the council for sponsoring the meeting at the school in September and stated there would be a full MAPPING meeting for all of the groups at the Henry's Double K business on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. She asked the council to consider attending.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 11, 2015 meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector