

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Michelle (Strauch) Holcomb rang the bell to announce the start of the RINGING OF BELL meeting.

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 Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Donna Hoffman gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve

MINUTES

the minutes of the August 11, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, 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 Risko seconded to authorize

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$502,240.45 as of today.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Powers reported of the August 25<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting:

COMMITTEES

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Powers stated he provided a copy of the Beardstown, IL Animal Ordinance. The committee reviewed this example. In discussion, Mayor Bates and Alderman Grim stated they would like to combine portions of this ordinance with portions of the proposed ordinance drafted in the past by Alderman Grim. The committee discussed the question of limiting the number of animals at a residence. Alderman Powers stated he would coordinate a time to put the information together for another draft ordinance to have reviewed by the committee, then present to the council and city attorney.
2. Discussion of possible regulations for the use of golf carts and utility vehicles on City streets. A packet of information and sample ordinances was provided to the council. Alderman Grim stated he thought he had a draft ordinance from some past discussions on this topic. He would also get these to the council members. Alderman Powers asked the committee to review the information for future discussion.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the August 25<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Police Chief Cass reported of the application he had received to date for the part time officer position. He stated he would like to recommend hiring Nick Meeker. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve to hire Nick Meeker as a part time police patrol officer for the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee

INTEFUND TRANSFER

recommendation to interfund transfer \$1,000 from the water fund to the cemetery fund as the second payment towards the interfund loan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

4. Alderman Powers reported of the water leak project on Main Street today.

In discussion of the old business regarding the status of the vacant property process for the West State Street and Miller Street properties, Mayor Bates reported that he had some information that the Miller Street property was possibly going to be sold to one of the neighbors. He stated he would get some more information from the neighbor in question and report back to the city attorney and council. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Matt Schueler and Brooke WoodinMiller of Wipfli, LLP, the City's consulting auditors, were in attendance to present the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. Mr. Schueler addressed the council and reviewed the financial report. He stated under the independent auditor's report that this was a clean, meaning good, opinion, and noted that the requirement to review the compliance of the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) regulations was also good. All of the TIF was in compliance. He reviewed the management discussion section, the net position report, the statement of activities report, the balance sheet for the governmental funds, the income statement, the water, sewer and gargabe fund reports, the report of cash flows, under the notes to the financial statements he pointed out note #3 regarding the custodial credit risk-deposits, reviewed the IMRF pension information and stated the new standards for next year would fully state the unfunded pension obligations. Mr. Schueler presented a five-year comparison summary with the City's data with assets, liabilities and net position. The City has maintained consistent financial activity from year to year. Alderman Risko commented he felt the city's staff and crew have supported this as well. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the annual audit report as presented. Roll call vote: Alderman Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Len Anderson, organizer for the Car Cruise Night activities, was in attendance and addressed the council about the upcoming 2016 Car Cruise Night activities. He reported that they have had 35 car cruise nights and the last for this season would be on September 19<sup>th</sup>. He asked the council to consider for the 2016 season to approve the city sponsoship for the insurance coverage, commit to the \$800 expenditure for the DJ services for the four evenings, and close the 100 of West Market Street for the afternoon and evening of the events. The nights scheduled for next year are June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Anderson stated he would be stepping down as the main organizer and promoter for the event. Mr. Jody Wolber would be taking his place as the spokesman to come before the council in the future. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the cruise night activites for 2016, inclusive of the sponsorship of the events with the insurance coverage, the payment of \$800 for the entertainment and the closing of the one block on Market Street as requested. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ANNUAL CAR CRUISE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation to approve the special use permit application submitted by Ms. Susan Rogers to expand the guest home special use to operate a beauty salon at 102 South Main Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, SPECIAL USE PERMIT

yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren read the Proclamation of the August 29, 2015 Founders' Day Celebration at the Good Samaritan Society – Mount Carroll. Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the proclamation as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. PROCLAMATION

Alderman Powers moved and Aldermen Grim seconded to approve the raffles licenses for the Mount Carroll Chamber for the MAPPING Program and the Mount Carroll Rotary monthly raffle activity for one year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, here, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 present and 0 absent. The motion was carried. RAFFLE LICENSES

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the Street Solicitation Roadblock requests from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for October 10<sup>th</sup> and the Mount Carroll Knights of Columbus for September 19<sup>th</sup> at the downtown and highway intersections. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, here, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 here and 0 absent. The motion was carried. STREET SOLICITATIONS

Mayor Bates reminded the council of the water and sewer committee meeting scheduled for August 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the wastewater treatment plant to discuss the engineer's facility study. WATER & SEWER

Under general audience, Mr. Matt Holcomb and wife Michelle (Strauch) were in attendance. Mr. Holcomb stated he was a trustee for Firestone, Colorado. Alderman Bergren stated with some of the large capital projects being looked at the city should check into the process to implement a Business Development Sales Tax as a possible revenue source. Mayor Bates stated with the big projects (Bridge and Sewer Plant) being reviewed or moving forward, the city should look at updating the Capital Improvement Plan. Good time to see what has been done and what would be considered for the future. Mr. John Swiech, CDC, reminded council of the MAPPING program town meeting on September 12 and asked them to please attend. Alderman Risko reported of the program presented by the Campbell Center representatives at the last Rotary Club meeting. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Living Water Fellowship asking for a lease agreement to use the community house on Sundays. This matter would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Noted a letter from Mediacom Cable Television regarding another channel change. Noted a letter from the US Department of Justice regarding a community relations board meeting at the Thomson Prison on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Bates reported there was some more information from Chief Cass about the K-9 Scout transition. CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 8, 2015 regular meeting. Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector