

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Paula Trent 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 Kaczmarski, 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. Jeff Kromer gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the August 25, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, 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 Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2015 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, 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 \$474,264.73 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 8th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS

1. Discussed the completed and ongoing projects.
 - A. Maintain and service equipment
2. Discussed the current projects.
 - A. All of the seal coating projects were completed.
 - B. The crew would be tearing out the roadways at the cemetery next week and blacktopping.
 - C. The wood planks that were broken and rotted on the Galena Street Bridge have been replaced.
 - D. The culvert at the intersection of South Jackson Street and State Road that had collapsed was replaced. This turned out to be a four-day project.
 - E. The equipment ordered for Lowden Park has been installed.
 - F. If weather permits and when the road work at the cemetery was completed Superintendent Dauphin stated they would look at some of the sidewalk repairs.
3. Compliments to the crew on a job well done on the seal coating work.

Alderman Rose reported of the September 8th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided a monthly activity report for August 2015.
2. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation K-9 SCOUT TRANSITION
to approve the process and costs to send Officer Justin DeSpain with K-9 Scout for transition training in northern Michigan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The costs are estimated to be about \$2,000 for the training, lodging and travel expenses.

Alderman Kazcmarski reported of the September 8th finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and expressed a sincere thank you to the council for the annual contribution to the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation again this year.
2. The bills were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Rhett Simkins, Living Water Fellowship, was in attendance and addressed the council to request a lease agreement with the City for the rental use of the community house (101 N. Main Street) each Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He stated they have been using the community house whenever possible since May of this year. The location and size was what they needed at this time and would like to make this a regular meeting place. The council discussed the rental history of the community house and the main uses for the facility on Sundays, which are, birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers and reunions. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve to enter into an agreement with the Living Water Fellowship for the rental use of the community house each Sunday from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates noted that an agreement would be drafted and reviewed by the city attorney for comments. The council members present voiced their approval that the organization was allowed to use the community house until 3:00 p.m. on the Sundays that it was not booked for some other activity.

COMMUNITY HOUSE RENTAL

Alderman Powers moved and Aldermen Kaczmariski seconded to approve the raffle license for the Mount Carroll Lions Club. 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.

RAFFLE LICENSE

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reminded the council of the MAPPING program town meeting on September 12 and asked them to please attend. Mayor Bates reported of the letter from the Carroll County Republican Women regarding the invite to an upcoming event in Mount Carroll. For the agenda next meeting would be the ordinance designating a handicapped parking area. He noted a letter from the county states attorney about a presentation on Internet Safety for Children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren 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 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

These minutes were approved by the Mount Carroll City Council at the September 22, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector