

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Sherf 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, absent, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Rhett Simkins gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0
noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize 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, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes,
Risko, absent and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$575,596.26 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 22nd water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER
meeting:

1. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee PRE-APPLICATION
recommendation to hire Community Funding & Planning IEPA LOAN PROGRAM
Services, Stockton, IL, at a cost not to exceed \$700 to prepare and submit a Clean Water Loan
Pre-Application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the design and
construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Grim,
yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2
absent. Mayor Bates noted that the EPA had changed some of the requirements in seeking
funding from the loan program. Getting this information to them now would get the City in the
system for this project while the City looks into some of the other grant and loan programs as
well.
2. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee PRE-APPLICATION
recommendation to hire Community Funding and Planning IEPA LOAN PROGRAM
Services, Stockton, IL, at a cost not to exceed \$500 to prepare and submit a Public Water Supply
Loan Pre-Application to the IEPA for the purchase and installation of new radio-read water
meters within the City of Mount Carroll's water distribution system. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4
yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The committee discussed the August 26th meeting at the FACILITY STUDY
wastewater treatment plant with the consulting engineers regarding the facility study. Mr. Steve
Haring of MSA Professional Services was in attendance and noted that the plan would be
forwarded to the IEPA for their input before the final draft was presented to the council. Mayor
Bates noted that the council should be looking at financing resources and whether some of the
City's current fees should be increased now. Discussed getting more information about the

Business Development District (BDD) process. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services, stated that the Village of Elizabeth established a BDD in order to help fund a couple of very large projects within the community. Mr. Haring stated that the engineers complimented the City's public works department for a great job with operation and maintenance. The plant has exceeded its year's lifespan because of the work they have been able to do over the years.

- 4. Report to the city hall office that the fire hydrant flushing work had been completed on Friday September 18th.

Alderman Powers reported of the September 22nd license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

- 1. Alderman Powers reported that a draft of the dog ordinance had been completed by Alderman Grim and a copy would be presented to the committee by him. He and Alderman Grim stated that they had some questions about what terms needed to be set up in the definitions. May need some input from the committee and city attorney regarding that matter. The committee voiced their approval to schedule another meeting for October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this dog ordinance. DOG ORDINANCE
- 2. The committee reviewed the draft of the ordinance regarding the usage of golf carts, utility-terrain vehicles and all terrain vehicles on city streets. Police Chief Cass asked that the age requirement be raised to 21 years old. The committee voiced their approval to delete the all terrain vehicles from the list of vehicles allowed, and to add to the equipment requirements the placement of a flag. Alderman Grim stated he would change the draft of the ordinance with the changes presented this evening and get it out for review. GOLF CARTS AND UTV'S

Alderman Kazcmarski reported of the September 22nd finance committee meeting: (Noted there were just two of the four members in attendance) FINANCE

- 1. The bills were reviewed.
- 2. Discussed whether to increase the Capital Improvement Fund fees.
- 3. Police Chief Cass reported that the first week of the K-9 training had gone well, but the Explorer squad had some problems when Officer DeSpain brought it back for the weekend. It was in the shop for repairs.
- 4. Discussion of the NIU Net internet service to the City Hall.
- 5. Alderman Grim noted that there was a very nice turn out for the Car Cruise and Fire Department Water Fights last Saturday in town.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2015-09-3, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A HANDICAPPED PARKING AREA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Ordinance No. 2015-09-3 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members in attendance. Mayor Bates noted this was the parking area by the Pharmacy Center approved a couple months ago. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09-3

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2015-09-4, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND ONE TEN MARKET STREET, LLC. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Risko, absent, Bergren, absent, and Mayor Bates, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Ordinance No. 2015-09-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the governing board in attendance. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09-4

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and GENERAL AUDIENCE reported that he would be having a meeting with Betty Steinert from the Whiteside-Carroll County Enterprise Zone on September 29th. Ms. Samantha Pidde, reporter for the Mirror Democrat, stated this was her last meeting until the end of November. She was going on maternity leave. The council members in attendance wished her well.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the following letters: Information about a Prevailing Wage Seminar on October 22nd in Freeport, IL. A thank you letter from the Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll for the City's contribution towards the entertainment for their Founders Day Celebration. Information about the Carroll County Leadership Roundtable for next year. To have this item on the agenda for the next meeting. A letter from the West Carroll School regarding window decorations for the upcoming Homecoming celebration. Notice about the Fall Bulky Waste Pick up set for Saturday, October 17th. Mayor Bates noted there was a Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on Thursday, October 24th at Lake Carroll in Lanark, IL.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported of the last Car Cruise for the season that was last Saturday. There were over 100 vehicles for this one. Alderman Grim stated there should be some discussion before the start of the events next year about the street closure areas.

After discussion the council members present voiced their approval to a \$50.00 monthly rental fee in the agreement with the Living Water Fellowship for the use of the community house on Sundays.

Ms. Michelle Fossett was in attendance and reported of the September 21st follow up meeting to the town hall meeting on the 12th for the Mount Carroll Unlimited Possibilities committee and then she reported there was an information meeting scheduled for October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Henry's Double K business for the Reagan International Academy. The corporation with this has now purchased two buildings in town and was starting to hire contractors and workers to redevelop these properties. This would be an opportunity to hear more about what this business was planning.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Mount Carroll City Council at the October 13, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector