

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Mary Boelkens rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Alderman Doug Bergren called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER  
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, 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.  
Mr. Karl Rafferty gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 2015 as approved by the finance committee. 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 Bergren, chairman of the board in the mayor's absence, FINANCIAL REPORT reported the bank account balances were at \$551,676.67 as of today.

Alderman Rose reported of the November 10<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: COMMITTEES POLICE  
1. Chief Cass provided a copy of the monthly report for October 2015 to the committee members and council. Commented it was a very busy month.  
2. Chief Cass reported he had been contacted by the school technology director about some links that could be added to the department's computer system. This would require a wifi card. Chief Cass stated he would investigate all that would be needed for this and make a contact with the local wifi providers and would report back with more detail.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 10<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS  
1. Noted that the street sweeping was in full force this fall.  
2. For the completed and ongoing projects, the crew was continuing equipment maintenance and mulching leaves at the city cemetery. The garage building at the cemetery was scheduled for demolition soon. The superintendent reported there were a couple of cremation burials this last month.  
3. Under current projects:  
A. Sweeping streets and finishing sidewalk replacement as weather permits on Benton and Jackson Streets.  
B. Tree trimming was done as reported to the department.  
C. Discussed the ice skating rink project. Working with the Mount UP committee members to coordinate some refreshment nights and activities around the use of the rink this winter.  
D. Disc golf course needs improvements and these are being evaluated.  
E. Superintendent reported if weather permitted they would be getting more sand in and around the playground equipment.  
F. Discussed the road salt supply for ice control this winter season.  
G. Discussed volunteer efforts to be considered for next year in cleaning up some of the trails.

Alderman Kazcmarski reported of the November 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussion of the city clerk position and the consideration to pursue the process to change the position from elected to appointed. This would require a referendum question to the voters. Timing for an ordinance or resolution was discussed. CITY CLERK POSITION
3. Discussion of the legislators proposed to change the property tax limits in the future. What are the impacts to municipalities? To find resources to get more information, such as, Kathy Orr, legislators and other municipalities.
4. In discussion the finance committee members decided to have the sewer fund rates on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance. Discussed the status of the treatment plant facility study.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11-6 Ordinance No. 2015-11-6, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-4A-1(I) OF THE CITY CODE AND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-09-5. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2015-11-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass RESOLUTION  
The Resolution Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported the CDC GENERAL AUDIENCE  
would be holding annual elections for officers next month. The Council members discussed the attendance to the CDC meetings. Michelle Fossett was in attendance and asked the council to conduct the drawing for the Passport grand prize from the Mount UP committees' town meeting. Alderman Bergren drew the winning passport completed by Celine Bogue. Michelle Fossett thanked the council for their continued support of the Mount Up activities. Alderman Powers and Alderman Kaczmariski stated they would be interested in attending the Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Mount Carroll at Molly's Kitchen and Bar.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT  
meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. Alderman Bergren adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 24, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector