

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

Ms. Samantha Pidde rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL

Alderman Doug Bergren, Chairman of the Board when the mayor is absent, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present. ROLL CALL

Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried by an unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance. MINUTES

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2015 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Bergren reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$531,030.87 as of today. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Rose reported of the December 10th police committee meeting: COMMITTEES
POLICE

1. Chief Cass reported he would like to continue the surplus equipment Law Enforcement Supply Office (LESO) program. The department had not received anything yet, but the program could be helpful. The consensus of the committee was to approve the renewal of the membership if this comes up at the first of the year.
2. Chief Cass reported of the equipment needs to link the school video system with laptops or smart phones with the police department. There was discussion about also setting up the other department heads with a cell phone to be used for city business. The chief was asked to compile the information about a cell phone plan for the city and a cost estimate to set up a wifi laptop computer, then report back to the committee.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the December 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the Holiday Greeting ad in the newspaper at the cost of \$96.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried. HOLIDAY AD

Alderman Bergren stated that the mayor wanted it announced that the Holiday closing hours for the city hall and city departments was at noon on Christmas Eve, all day Christmas, at noon on New Year's Eve and all day New Year's Day. HOLIDAY HOURS

Ms. Michelle Fossett from the Mount UP committee was in attendance and reported that the Collectible Christmas walk and tree lighting went very well this last Saturday and thanked the council and mayor for all of their support. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Alderman Risko reported of attending the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation (CDC) meeting this month, and stated he would be attending the one in January as well. Alderman Kaczmariski stated he would attend the February CDC meeting representing the council.

Alderman Bergren noted the following correspondence: The CORRESPONDENCE
unemployment rate information from the state, the report from Moring Disposal that 28,480 pounds of recycling was picked up during the month of November, and read the thank you note from the Mount UP committee for the generous donation to help with the tree lighting ceremony.

Alderman Bergren reported that the city would like to recognize and PARK SCOREBOARD
express their appreciation to the Herrell Electric business for their donation of materials and labor in the amount of \$1,514.32 towards the installation of the new scoreboard at Point Rock Park this summer. The council members in attendance asked the clerk to investigate all of the businesses, volunteers and organizations that had helped with this project so that a “thank you” could be placed in the newspaper as well.

Alderman Bergren reported that the mayor had scheduled a meeting BDD
with the City’s consulting TIF Attorney Kathy Orr for December 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in city hall to go over the process to establish a Business Development District in Mount Carroll. All of the aldermen in attendance stated they would be able to attend except Alderman Kaczmariski.

Alderman Grim reported that there would not be a water and sewer committee meeting this month. He had scheduled the next meeting for January 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 22, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector