

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

Mr. John Boelkens 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 Kaczmariski, absent, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, absent, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Lou White gave the invocation.

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

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2015 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$595,503.48 as of today.

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 22nd police committee COMMITTEES
meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass presented information to purchase a cell phone and get a month to month service through the Straight Talk program for the police department. Cost per phone for the service would be about \$45.00 per month and a one time purchase cost for a phone (range \$60- \$70). This should be a lesser cost than getting a 2-yr. plan with Verizon or US Cellular. To put this question to the council for this evening for the purchase of this. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the trial cell phone plan for the police department with Straight Talk at a monthly \$45 usage and data fee and the purchase of the phone equipment at about \$60. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Kaczmariski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Chief Cass reported that the State of Illinois has again authorized POLICE TRAINING funding for the part time police officer training. He stated he would like the council to consider a candidate for this academy for the City. The individual was in attendance, Courtney Grinnall of Thomson, IL. The cost to the City would be \$1,630 for the class registration that would be reimbursed by the State following completion of the program and travel expenses. The council to consider the candidate's participation in this program and hire for part time. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the \$1,630 registration for the part time police academy for Courtney Grinnall. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Rose, absent, Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko reported of the December 22nd finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation TIF EXPENDITURES to approve the annual TIF expenditures as presented in the total amount of \$56,950. (Mt. Carroll Banking Center, \$6,752; Mt. Carroll Bowling Alley, \$1,375; Schneider House Furniture, \$1,000; New Morning Glass, \$1,000; Mt. Carroll Café, \$1,000; to the City Revolving Loan Fund for the CDC loan, \$6,950; to the City general fund to reimburse legal expenses, \$1,550, to the City general fund to reimburse Illinois Tax Increment Association dues, \$550; to the City debt service fund towards water improvements project loan, \$29,773; and a set aside amount for the water and sewer department vehicle, \$7,000.) Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and MSA addressed the council about the treatment plant facility study. He stated that they went on five tours with the city staff members and would like to schedule a meeting with the city officials to provide the possible options for the improvements that might be feasible for the City. A tentative meeting date was set for January 19th in the morning. Discussed whether solar power options could be considered for the new facility. Discussed the problems with a pump at the treatment plant and using all resources to fix the older equipment.

Alderman Risko reported that there had not been a streets committee STREET DEPARTMENT meeting. He reported that the city crew had put away the street sweeper for the winter, were trimming trees and cold patching the pot holes, have cleaned up the cemetery grounds, and the garage building had been demolished at the cemetery.

Mayor Bates noted the special meeting called for December 28, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING at 10:00 a.m. with Kathy Orr and Sharon Pepin. The agenda items would be the development of a Business Development District and the City's Tax Increment Finance District and the impacts of the proposed Tax Cap legislation.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence: The CORRESPONDENCE Commander's Award from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve recognizing the City's support of the Carroll County Marine Toy for Tots Program and the letter from the West Carroll School District Superintendent regarding a community information meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th at 2:30 p.m. at the school district's office building in Mount Carroll.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczamarki, absent, Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 12, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector