

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Haring 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, present, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the January 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented. 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.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2016 as approved by the finance
committee. 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. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$585,072.30 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the January 19th water & sewer committee COMMITTEES
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. The committee reviewed the facility study of the treatment plant. SEWER PLANT
2. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee
recommendation to ask the engineers to include the Aero-Mod Treatment System as the City's
design of choice in the final draft of the facility study to be submitted to the USDA. Roll call
vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko,
absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the January 26th recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD
MANAGER & CO-
MANAGER POSITIONS

1. Alderman Grim reported that the recreation board was
recommending that the city hire Stephanie Hughes as the pool
manager again this year and hire Andy Hughes as the co-manager.
2. The pool rates were reviewed.
3. Board member Kate Hanson provided a draft of policies and procedures for the pool.
4. Discussed the spring hiring application process. To advertise mid-February and have the
applications into city hall by March 15th.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to hire Stephanie Hughes as the pool
manager again for this year and hire Andy Hughes as the pool co-manager. In discussion it was
noted that the two would be sharing time at the pool up to 24 hours per week. The salary set for the
pool manager would be the same as had been agreed upon with Stephanie Hughes if she were to be
hired for a second year. Alderman Grim stated that the recreation board did talk about an hourly
wage if the hours exceeded the 24 weekly and they would come to the city about that matter. Roll
call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Risko,
absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the January 26th water and sewer WATER & SEWER

committee meeting:

1. Alderman Grim reported he talked with the water and sewer superintendent about making a list of items for the next year's budget. What was known was to look at a new van with an estimated cost of \$30,000. Will schedule a meeting with Alderman Risko for sometime in February to compile a proposed budget. BUDGET
2. Discussed the wastewater treatment plant project.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the January 26th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation ANNUAL AUDIT to approve the engagement letter and hire WIPFLi, LLP to conduct the annual audit for the City for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016 at a fee not to exceed \$18,500. 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. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Grim reported to the committee that there was very good support of the "Night at the Park" event at the park on January 23rd. A good crowd and many enjoyed the use of the ice skating rink. He stated that there were some items like a different shovel and cart that could be helpful to maintain the ice rink at the park. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the purchase of the supplies for the ice rink maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$250 to be paid from the City park fund. 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.

Discussed the status of the vacant and abandoned properties located on West State Street, Miller Street and East Market Street. The City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that he would keep moving on the process for the clean up of these properties.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to pass RESOLUTION
Resolution No. R1-2016-2, A Resolution of the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving the Appropriation of Funds from the City's Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Payment of Public Infrastructure Expenditures. 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. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. It was noted that the amount to be transferred from the TIF account to the debt service fund for the water project this year was \$29,773.00.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to pass ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 2016-01-8, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER USE CHARGES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2016-01-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 2016-01-9, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WATER RATES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2016-01-9 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.

Under general audience Mr. John Swiech, CDC reported of the progress at the Market Street Commons building.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from Moring Disposal with the report that they picked up 39,100 pounds of recycling during the month of December here in town.

Information about the Carroll County Extension Volunteer Banquet scheduled for February 28th in Savanna, IL.

The information from State Treasurer Michael Frerichs regarding the Ag Invest Roundtable events around the state regarding new improvements made to the Ag Invest program.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 9, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector