

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bob Sisler 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, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Ryan Strong gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the March 8, 2016 regular meeting as presented. 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 Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2016 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$471,869.29 as of today.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 24<sup>th</sup> historic preservation COMMITTEES  
advisory committee meeting: HPAC  
1. The committee reviewed the items needed for the historic district resurvey, and the repair and replacement of historic district walking tour signs.  
2. Discussed the proposed sign ordinance.  
3. Heard a report that there was one building permit and one demolition permit within the historic district that were reviewed and approved this last month.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD  
1. Reviewed the applications received to date. To schedule a date for interviews and seek more applicants.  
2. Discussed the policies and procedures for day to day operations.  
3. Discussed the schedule and tasks for the annual fundraiser and swimming lessons.  
4. Discussed the need to renovate the locker rooms and repair needed on the filter cover.  
5. Discussed the budget and the ice rink events this year and proposed for next year.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER  
meeting:

1. Operator Greg Kloeping reported of the ongoing projects at the plant and the needed repairs. The leaky check valve replacement would cost about \$2,000.
2. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee WATER SHUT OFF  
recommendation to change the "red card" delivery for the notice POLICY  
of water shut off (to residents due to delinquency) would be handled by the City police department and the shut off action at any residence would receive a police escort. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers reported of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussion of the noise ordinance and Mr. Fisers' feelings and concerns about the business located near him on South Jackson Street. Chief Cass reported to the committee of the calls made to the police department since September 2015. The documented decibel level readings ranged from 45 to no more than 65. The committee members did not make a recommendation to amend the ordinance.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to renew the employee health insurance as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
2. The bills were reviewed and approved.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the purchase of a new tree at a cost not to exceed \$200 that would be planted at the Frances Wood Shimer Memorial Arboretum on Arbor Day, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Risko reviewed and presented the revenues and expenses for the remaining funds proposed for this next year's budget and explained the estimates for the ice skating rink project for next year. The equipment would be purchased from the park fund and the utilities and labor would come out of the recreation fund. The grand totals of the revenues came to \$2,261,919 and the expenses were at \$2,529,329. The proposed appropriation ordinance would be presented to the council at the next meeting for approval.

INSURANCE

NEW TREE PURCHASE

BUDGET

Mayor Bates reported that he had a meeting scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> to meet with the representative from Sand Prairie Wireless to discuss the request to install an additional antenna on the City's water tower.

Mayor Bates stated the next item on the agenda was to discuss and consider BDD SALES TAX RATE the sales tax rate to be established for the proposed Business Development District. Noted if the BDD was approved this week at the meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> the time limit for this was 23 years and the estimates of revenue on the high end were about \$45,000 to \$60,000 annually. Aldermen Risko, Grim and Bergren stated that they were in favor of the full 1% rate. Alderman Rose stated he was concerned for the seniors that are on lower fixed incomes. Alderman Powers and Kaczmariski noted the infrastructure projects that this revenue was to be used for and help with in order to try to keep some of the financing more manageable for the residents. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to establish the sales tax percentage rate to be imposed for the proposed Business Development District at 1%. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, no, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the raffle license for the Mount Carroll Rotary Club. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, here, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 present and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

RAFFLE LICENSE

Mayor Bates reported he was asked to participate in a ceremony at the Carroll County Good Samaritan Center on March 29<sup>th</sup> to honor the military veterans.

Under general audience Mr. Ron Brashaw, E. Seminary Street, was in GENERAL AUDIENCE attendance and addressed the council about a money making proposal to investigate. He proposed the council pursue a project to log out the old growth of oak and other trees in the City park. A local forest agent could come in and mark the tress to be considered and then loggers could provide an appraisal and quote to complete the logging of the trees. The clearing of the limbs and underbrush from a logging project could be done by the city crew with individuals wanting the smaller wood product for their own use. Mr. Jim Fiser, S. Jackson Street, was in attendance and addressed the council about the noise ordinance. Mayor Bates stated the council was not considering an ordinance change. Mr. Fiser stated that when he makes a call he would like the police officer to check the decibel meter at the area of his residence window versus the boundary line of his property. Alderman Risko commented that he would like a couple of process or procedure items on the agenda for the April 26, 2016 regular meeting for the council to consider. One was a process to have documentation in front of the council before it was to be voted on and the other was a process by which an alderman could have things put onto the council meeting agenda. Mayor Bates stated he did not feel that would be necessary and that he could talk with Alderman Risko about these issues. Alderman Grim and Michelle Fossett reported of their attendance at the Rural Development Conference in Springfield, IL March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from Mediacom about the cable television improvements to all digital.

The thank you letter from the Mount UP and CDC members that attended the Rural Development Conference.

The information from Highland Community College about a strategic planning meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Clerk Cuckler asked about having a reminder put out to the residents about tall weeds and grass maintenance for the spring and summer season. The council voiced their approval to have a notice placed in the newspaper about this matter.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to

ADJOURNMENT

adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector