

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

Mr. Doug Sherf 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 Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Donna Hoffman, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the April 12, 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 Grim seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 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 \$487,603.69 as of today.

Alderman Bergren reported of the March 16th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. Discussed what was needed to complete the historic district resurvey.
2. Discussed process to identify buildings outside of the current historic district that should be considered for application to the National Historic Register.
3. Discussed the repairs needed to the signs along the historic walking tour.
4. Decision to change meetings from monthly to quarterly. The next meeting will be June 15th.
5. Discussed the Certified Local Government annual report to go to the State Historic Preservation Agency.
6. Discussed an information flier to have available for this year's Mayfest.

Mayor Bates reported that the tree board met on April 21st with Mr. TREE BOARD
Ron Brashaw at Point Rock Park to consider the logging of some of the trees. Mr. Eads and Mr. Lundquist of the tree board would be contacting a third party to assess the trees and get back with a proposal to the council.

Alderman Grim reported of the April 26th recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD

1. Alderman Grim reported that the board met at the pool and reviewed the applications received to date and discussed the maintenance issues.
2. Alderman Grim reported that a presentation about the restoration of the locker rooms was given to the Mount Carroll Rotary Club.
3. The committee decided some of the dates and schedules for the swimming lessons and the 5K Run fundraiser.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to hire the POOL EMPLOYEES
following for this summer season for the City pool: Marcus Fitzpatrick, assistant manager, Natalie O'Connor, Claire O'Connor, Olivia Brinkmeier, Keeley Brinkmeier, Darby Rumler and Juliana Waugh as lifeguards. 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 April 26th license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Powers presented the license and ordinance committee recommendation to direct the city attorney to draft the ordinance allowing the usage of golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles on city streets from the proposed example approved by the committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

GOLF CART & UTV
ORDINANCE

Alderman Grim reported of the April 26th water and sewer committee meeting:

WATER & SEWER
WATER METER

1. Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and provided information from two different water meter manufacturers. She stated she would be working with the city staff to assess the City's inventory needs for the replacement of the water meters. From that a set of specifications would be developed to let the project out for bidding once the IEPA loan was awarded. Ms. Pepin presented a draft copy of the project plan describing the scope of work, the city's water usage history and current infrastructure, explaining the need for the new meters, a cost estimate, and a timeline. Alderman Bergren asked if Ms. Pepin would contact IEPA about whether the City would qualify to refinance our current loan with this one to see if that would change the interest rate.
2. Ms. Pepin reported of the status of the wastewater treatment plant preliminary engineering report.
3. Water and Sewer Operator Greg Kloppint reported that the crew would be doing a spring fire hydrant flushing project starting the third week in May. The committee asked the clerk to place an ad in the newspaper providing notice to the residents. The committee discussed having the fire hydrants painted as well this year.
4. Mr. Kloppint reported that the final clarifier at the treatment plant was now repaired and working well. The crew was doing other maintenance projects as needed.
5. Discussed that the swimming pool opening was scheduled for Memorial Day Holiday weekend.
6. Alderman Grim reported that a recreation board member presented the locker room restoration project to the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club would be considering possible funding to the City for this project.

REPLACEMENT PROJECT
HYDRANT FLUSHING

Alderman Risko reported of the April 26th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The finance committee members discussed the ad placement in the West Carroll Sports Booster booklet. The committee members wanted more information about the 1/2 page ad. To have this for consideration at the next meeting.
3. The finance committee discussed the appropriation ordinance. This was on the agenda for later this evening and committee recommended approval. The committee also discussed the interfund transfers being considered from the general fund to a savings account for the vehicle and equipment needs over the next couple of years. To have this on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Discussed the possible process to increase the sewer fees when planning to pay for the new sewer plant. Several options were presented. Need some input from the public.
5. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$5,000 from the City general fund to the City recreation fund and the transfer would not be considered as a loan needing payback. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

INTERFUND TRANSFER

6. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFER to approve the interfund transfer of no more than \$8,000 from the City bond & interest sinking fund to the City water and sewer funds to accommodate the end of the year fund balances. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation MAYFEST to approve the payment of \$2,500 to the 2016 Mayfest committee to be used towards the entertainment portion of the budget with the payment of \$1,250 to be paid from the City band fund and \$1,250 to be paid from the City general fund and to make the payment this month to clear this year's budget. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
8. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation GRADUATION AD to approve the payment of \$30 towards the West Carroll School graduation ad in the Mirror Democrat. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

The council members present discussed the vacant property on Miller Street. Alderman Risko reported that the weeds and grass were getting tall on that property. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that the City could ask the public works department to clean the property.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the new Tower occupancy Agreement with Sand Prairie Wireless. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2016-4-12, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2016-4-12 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Total estimated revenues \$2,261,819 and total estimated expenses \$2,586,325.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Resolution No. R4-2016-4, 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 Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the request from Vanessa Kay West of Pittsburg, Texas to place a memorial bench on City property located at Point Rock Park with site approval verified by the Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Justin DeSpain, full time police officer, to take effect April 30, 2016 and to approve keeping him on the part time officer roster for the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes,

Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, no, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates stated that he, the chief and the chair of the police committee would be meeting and would report back about filling this position.

The council members present acknowledged the receipt of the copy of the unapproved minutes from the April 22, 2016 Joint Review Board meeting.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported that there was a developer for some residential improvements that had been in contact with them recently. The CDC board was also looking at a new incentive program to be considered again when there was construction of new homes. Discussion about having agenda items for the council meetings.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Mediacom, the local cable television vendor, regarding another channel line-up change
An information e-mail from the State Fire Marshal

News release from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding an overpayment of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax distributions since 2014

Information from the Illinois Department of Revenue about upcoming workshops

Letter from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos about water quality issues

Letter from Highland Community College regarding a meeting in Carroll County on May 3rd to continue their strategic planning process

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to

ADJOURNMENT

adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 10, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector