

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2016 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, 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 Vince Wilczynski of Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the June 28, 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 July 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.

Alderman Bergren reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$609,288.40 as of today. COMMITTEES

Alderman Risko reported of the July 12<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Superintendent Dauphin reported that they have been maintaining the equipment when it has been raining, assisting the water department with several water leaks, and had two grave opening.
2. Alderman Risko reported of a letter from Jonathan Appell, the gravestone conservator, noting his appreciation to the Mount Carroll crew during his latest workshop and project at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Alderman Risko also reported of a Letter to the Editor questioning the Mount Carroll Community Foundation Funds.
3. Discussed the park clean up projects, sidewalk replacement and street repairs.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 12<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided a monthly report for June 2016.
2. Chief Cass reported that K-9, Scout was doing much better since his latest shot from the vet.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the July 12<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. After discussion of the options to consider a sewer rate increase to SEWER RATES prepare for the treatment plant improvements, Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve an increase of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage for a sewer improvements fund that would have a maximum cap of \$18.00 for each of the users that went to 6,000 gallons or more. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to postpone and table this matter until the next regular council meeting. 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 and the recommendation was tabled.

Mayor Bates stated that the finance committee meeting was stopped at this point in order to start the regular council meeting. The remaining agenda items for the finance committee were addressed at this time.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department to go towards the fireworks fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, abstain, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 abstention and 0 noes. The motion was carried. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The council members present reviewed the bid specifications presented by Alderman Grim for a new van for the water and sewer department. All in agreement to have the option that the vendors provide a bid with and without a "Bin Package" for the van. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the amended bid specifications and the advertisement for bids for a new van for the water and sewer department. Roll call vote: Alderman Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ADVERTISE FOR NEW VAN

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the interfund transfer for \$3,000 from the enterprise water fund to the enterprise bond & interest sinking fund to pay back the loan. 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. INTERFUND TRANSFER

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that there was some activity and work being done at the West State Street property, and the city attorney had stated that the process for securing the property on Miller Street would be completed fairly soon. Mayor Bates asked the council to consider getting a 20-yard dumpster from Moring Disposal, Inc. to be placed at the Bushy Flats properties on East Market Street. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve ordering a 20-yard dumpster from Moring Disposal, Inc. to be used by the property owners of the Bushy Flats rowhouse (quoted price was at \$350.00 per load). 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. Mayor Bates stated he would follow up with this matter. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doug Sherf, Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation was in attendance and addressed the council with an update of the CDC purpose, activities and proposed improvements of the second floor of the Kraft building. CDC UPDATE

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the request from the Mount Carroll Fire Department to install two poles for an aerial apparatus to be used for water fights at the City property located along North Galena Street (formerly know as the Burning Grounds). Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, abstain, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 abstention, and 0 noes. The motion was carried. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The council discussed the correspondence from Carroll County Highway Department Engineer Kevin Vandendooren regarding a supplemental agreement for the design of the Galena Street Bridge that could increase the city portion of the cost for the engineering to \$5,147. This matter to be brought to the Carroll County Board on July 21<sup>st</sup> at their next meeting. The council members presented voiced their approval to proceed with this matter. GALENA STREET BRIDGE

Under public comment Mr. Len Anderson GENERAL AUDIENCE commented about the proposed sewer rate increase. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and addressed the council about the request from the State Highway Department to extend the city sewer to their garage building located along Old Mill Road. This matter will be brought to the next water and sewer committee meeting with a recommendation from the engineers. Alderman Grim expressed the recreation board's appreciation to all that helped with the 5K Fundraiser event this last weekend. Expect to clear about \$1,000 from the event.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ADJOURNMENT adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 26, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector