

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

Mr. Chris Heisler 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: Aldermen Paul Kaczmariski, absent, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, Joe Grim, present, and Mayor Carl Bates, present. ROLL CALL  
Alderman Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Ryan Strong of Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MINUTES

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to 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 Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$710,394.59 as of today. FINANCIAL REPORT COMMITTEES

Alderman Grim reported of the July 25<sup>th</sup> recreation board meeting: RECREATION

1. Alderman Grim reported that about \$1,200 was netted from the 5K fundraiser. Would like to organize a full day of activities around this event.
2. Employee evaluations were discussed.
3. Mr. Roger Schamberger of Burbach Aquatics presented information about a pool facility upgrade.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 26<sup>th</sup> water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and presented a status report on the water meter and hydrant replacement projects and the wastewater treatment plant facility plan.
2. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA, was in attendance and reported where the engineers were on the treatment plant facility plan. He also presented a task order in the amount of \$650 for the Mount Carroll DOT Site Sewer Plan Review. This was for the review of the proposed sewer service and connection of the IDOT facility at the south end of town. MSA TASK ORDER  
Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve the task order with MSA and authorize the payment of \$650 for the services and to negotiate with IDOT to reimburse the City for this expense. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Currently there are no updates regarding bids for a new van.
4. Water and sewer operator Greg Kloeping reported he was studying and has signed up for the online classes for pursuing the operator license.
5. Greg reported he would be compiling a schedule for repairing and replacing the fire hydrants found this summer that need attention or replacement.
6. Greg reported that they have had several water leaks this last month that were repaired.

Alderman Powers reported of the July 26<sup>th</sup> license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. Mayor Bates stated that the committee would not be addressing the noise and sound situation due to the ordinance violation citation that had been issued on this matter and that outcome was pending.
2. Discussion of the Bob Boyd building along West Market Street in the downtown.
3. Mr. Jim Fiser, Mount Carroll, commented on laws and rules.

Alderman Risko reported of the July 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

Mayor Bates reported under old business that the West State Street OLD BUSINESS property was being negotiated for sale to another owner and that a dumpster had been delivered to East Market Street in front of the "Bushy Flats" property. The next step for this former property would be inspections to assess the costs for repair or demolition.

Mayor Bates presented a spreadsheet with an estimate of revenues with SEWER RATE INCREASE two different options proposed for the sewer improvements fund with the \$3.00/1,000 gallons of water metered usage. After discussion of the options to consider a sewer rate increase to prepare for the treatment plant improvements, Mayor Bates 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. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmarek, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The consensus of the council members present was to have a draft of the ordinance ready for the next council meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> and to have language in the ordinance that the rates were to be reviewed again at the beginning of the next fiscal year in May 2017 and annually in consideration of the costs and status of the sewer treatment plant improvements project.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the request from BRICK STREET DAY the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce for certain street closures for the August 27<sup>th</sup> Brick Street Day activities in the downtown area. Alderman Grim reported he was a Brick Street Saturday Committee member. He noted there was a full day of activities scheduled for the downtown area and they were requesting street closures from early morning to about 8:30 p.m. on that day for Market Street from Carroll Street to Main Street and Main Street from Market Street to Pleasant Street. He stated they were also wondering what would be needed to allow alcohol in those areas where the streets were closed. No alcohol would be allowed in the courtyard square, but what about in the street areas. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the street closures request for the Brick Street Saturday event on August 27, 2016. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, yes, and Kaczmarek, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates stated he would check on the matter of allowing alcoholic beverages in the restricted areas for this event.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2016-07-4, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT 2016-07-4 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND CHRISTINA JACOBS d/b/a TINA'S ICE CREAM & RIVERVIEW ANTIQUES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmarek, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2016-07-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the

council members present.

Under public comment Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and updated the council on the progress of the painting of the Kraft Building. Pastor Ryan Strong, Mount Carroll Church of God, was in attendance and addressed the council about considering a Social Hosting Ordinance. He provided information and a copy of the ordinance that was adopted in Milledgeville, IL recently. The ordinance is geared to help with underage drinking and drug enforcement in the county. The consensus of the council members present was to have this matter on the agenda for the next council meeting. Chief Cass commented that he was in support of this ordinance.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the recent inspection report of the Galena Street Bridge. No change since the last inspection. Alderman Risko reported he had talked with County Highway Department Engineer Kevin Vandendooren and the bridge replacement project was on the 2018 schedule.

The report from Moring Disposal, Inc. indicated they picked up 28,480 pounds of recycling materials for the month of June 2016.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector