

MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Anna Gray 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 Kaczmarek, 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.  
Mr. Bill Zink gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the June 23, 2015 CDAP public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote:  
Aldermen Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6  
yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2015 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and  
Kaczmarek, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$614,615.56 FINANCIAL REPORT  
as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES  
CEMETERY

1. Chair Risko commented on the great job that Jon Appell did to the repair and cleaning of the old grave stones and monuments at the cemetery this year. Thank you to the city crew, also. They have worked on seven grave openings this month and with the heavy rainfalls that has been more of a challenge, along with the clean up of a tree that fell.
2. Road repair work to be done at the cemetery this summer.
3. Endowment Pledge Project: The goal of \$10,000 was met so the Foundation will be able to open the fund. Alderman Risko reported of the distributions of the interest from this fund to come to the City to be used for maintenance at the city cemetery. Board members expressed their appreciation to Alderman Risko for getting this accomplished.
4. The garage building demolition was discussed. The permit has been issued, and Superintendent Dauphin was going to talk with Mr. Reid Law about a scheduled date of completion of the project.

Alderman Risko reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Chair Risko commented that the city crew was doing a good job.
2. Current projects: Trimming trees, sweeping streets and the street seal coat preparation started this week. Planning to have the seal coating done before school starts.
  - Park Maintenance – The MAPPING committee have a goal team to help improve the parks and recreation areas in town. Have started a project to clean and repaint the bathrooms at Point Rock Park. Are evaluating and working with the city crew to repair the disc golf course. Noted that the playground areas will need more sand. To consider a river clean up project this fall in the back part of the park. Discussed the mole issues, No trapping needed yet this year.
  - The summer hires are doing fine.
  - The new mower working great.
  - Galena Street Bridge. The new planks were not here yet. Communication from the county

engineer was that the new bridge project would be let by the end of 2016. At least \$180,000 would be the City's share of the costs of this project.

-Discussed the railroad crossing on Lover's Lane. Superintendent Dauphin reported that his conversation with the railroad employees was that the repair of this crossing was scheduled for next year.

Alderman Rose reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided a copy of the June 2015 activity report for the department to the committee and council members.
2. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation ADVERTISE to advertise for applications for part time police officers. 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.
3. Chief Cass reported that Officer Justin DeSpain has shown K-9, SCOUT interest in taking over the handling of the K-9, Scout. There is HANDLING training coming up. He stated he would like to get him certified. Scout should have 3-4 years more of service. The mayor stated his concern that Justin is on probation with the City yet and there was nothing about this addressed in his recent agreement. Comments presented were what are other issues here: Transportation for Scout as Justin lives in another town; if Scout is with Justin now and needed for something on the job, how is that addressed since he is not certified until at least September; how calls would be handled. The committee members present asked the chief to provide more information about the process needed for Justin's training, how they were planning to transport Scout, the living quarters for Scout and the cost estimates associated with all of that.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee DONATION TO GOOD recommendation to approve a \$150.00 contribution from the SAMARITAN CENTER band fund to the Good Samaritan Center to help pay for the music entertainment at the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee LOWDEN PARK recommendation to approve the purchase of some new equipment for Lowden Park at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. 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.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> recreation board meeting: RECREATION

1. Update given on the 5K Run fundraiser. The total profit including 5K FUNDRAISER donations and entry fees, \$1,536.00. It was noted donation money ws still coming in and there were some t-shirts for sale at the pool. Noted the golf outing fundraiser was scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> at Oakville Country Club.
2. Maintenance/repair issues were discussed.  
-Painting of the locker room floors will be done following the season.
3. Swimming lessons started this week. Going well.
4. Operation at pool going well, and staff doing great.
5. Outside lighting has been fixed and one new light will be added.
6. Board Member Kate Hanson presented information and some job descriptions for the staff at the

pool to be reviewed and considered by the board.

7. Discussed a closing date. Will possibly be August 14, 15 or 16, but the pool will remain open as long as guards can work. An official announcement of closing will be made as soon as determined.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Resolution No. R6-2015-2, A Supplemental Resolution Appropriating The Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Street Maintenance for the year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R6-2015-2 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Resolution appropriating up to \$35,000 for the seal coating projects to be done this summer.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the clerk to send a draft of the Revolving Fund Guidelines to the State DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) office for their approval before implementing. 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.

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, commented that there would be an Open Mic night on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Market Street Commons, former Kraft building, in the downtown. Alderman Bergren reported of the Mount Carroll Foundation funding awards going to the library, arboretum, the summer baseball league, and historical society for the Miles Museum. Alderman Rose commented about the funding issues to the NICIL office in Rock Falls, IL due to the State budget problems. Mayor Bates stated that he had asked the city attorney to be in attendance this evening if there any questions for him. City Attorney Coplan stated he had the response about completed for the Illinois Department of Human Rights complaint. He would like to meet with the mayor on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to get his signature on the documents. Discussion regarding the applications for water and sewer services. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that the request for the applicant's driver's license number was okay. Noted the hearing regarding the annual report of the William Davis Estate was scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 28, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector