

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Mary 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, absent, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, absent, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Paul Figie gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the July 28, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes,
Powers, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and
2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2015 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, absent, and
Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$475,337.07 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the August 11th recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES
RECREATION

1. Update given regarding the golf outing fundraiser. Profit was just under \$600.00. Discussed long range fundraising and the goal to raise enough money for a new pool facility. The life expectancy for the current facility is around 10 years.
2. Pool manager update: Attendance has been good. Discussed changing the Saturday hours to 1 pm – 5pm with the availability for parties from 5-10.
3. Closing date will be Sunday, August 16th.
4. Employee reviews will be held after Labor Day
5. Board member Kate Hanson will draft revisions to job descriptions and policies to present to the committee before next season.
6. Alderman Risko suggested working on a marketing plan for next season.
7. Discussed signage and directional signs to the pool.
8. Discussed the possibility of having adult lifeguards to allow the pool to be open longer next season.

Alderman Risko reported of the August 11th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Ongoing projects are the maintenance of the equipment.
Current projects are:
 - A. Sweeping streets regularly
 - B. Preparing streets for seal coating, County to be in town soon to finish all of the streets ready this year
 - C. Cemetery – 5 grave openings this month and the road work planned for this summer still on track
 - D. Planks for the Galena Street Bridge repair are in. To begin work on that project as soon as possible
 - E. The new bridge project over the creek on Galena Street will require a speed limit reduction.

A traffic study would be needed. Carroll County Engineer has someone that could do this study for the City at a cost not to exceed \$100. Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to sign an agreement with the Carroll County Highway Department to do a spot speed study at Galena Street at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

TRAFFIC STUDY

- 2. Discussed whether the equipment was ordered for Lowden Park. Clerk Cuckler reported that it had been ordered.
- 3. Discussed the basketball court repair needs near the pool facility. To check with the school officials about how they might or might not help with expenses.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 11th police committee meeting: POLICE

- 1. Chief Cass reported he had not received much attention yet for the part time police officer position. He would report back at the next council meeting.
- 2. Chief Cass provided information regarding his proposal to transfer and transition K-9 Scout to Officer Justin DeSpain. Approximate cost to conduct the transition training in September about \$1,500 (training and lodging costs). Mayor Bates noted that the overall extra cost is about one third to one half of that as Chief Cass would need to conduct the annual training this fall. The extra is the transition training. Discussed policies and use of the K-9.
- 3. Discussed the LESO military surplus purchasing program.

Alderman Grim reported of the August 11th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

- 1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the contribution of \$100.00 to the Carroll County Chapter of the Pheasants Forever organization. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

PHEASANTS FOREVER SCHOLARSHIP

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the closing of the 300 block of North Main Street for the Brick Street Saturday activity on September 5th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

STREET CLOSING FOR BRICK STREET DAY

Mayor Bates reported that the meeting to go over the facility study of the wastewater treatment plant was scheduled for August 26th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will start at the sewer plant at that time.

TREATMENT PLANT STUDY MEETING

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, asked the council to consider attending the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Town Meeting on September 12th at the West Carroll Middle School building. Michelle Fossett, Chair for the Town Meeting event, reported that there would be another organization meeting for the town meeting on August 13th at Henry's Double K business at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the letters from Medicom regarding a new channel being added to the television line up and from the Mount Carroll Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, saying thank you for the contribution to set up the Oak Hill Cemetery Endowment. CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 25, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector