

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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 Kaczmariski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the December 12, 2015 regular meeting and the December 28, 2015 special 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 Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 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 \$594,851.30 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the January 5th water & sewer committee COMMITTEES meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. The committee reviewed a packet of information from Ms. Pepin regarding potential funding sources for the wastewater treatment plant.
2. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee LOAN APPLICATION recommendation to hire Sharon Pepin, CFPS, to complete the loan application to the IEPA for the water meter replacement project at a cost of \$8,500. 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 Risko reported of the January 12th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Alderman Risko commented that the city crew was doing a great job this winter.
2. Under completed projects Alderman Risko reported that the crew was maintaining and servicing the equipment, there were no grave opening at the cemetery lately, and the garage building at the cemetery property had been taken down and demolished. Superintendent Dauphin reported to the committee that they would be clearing out that are where the garage building was and taking out the trees and shrubs.
3. Under current projects Alderman Risko reported that the crew was plowing and hauling snow when required, trimming trees and have been assembling the ice skating rink. Alderman Grim reported to the committee that the parks and recreation group from the MAPPING program were looking to schedule a "night at the park" on January 23rd at 6 p.m. Hoping to use the ice rink, provide refreshments, use the concession stand and would need the lighting around the ball diamonds on.
4. Under other projects Alderman Risko reported that the City had received 95 tons of road salt so far this season and have mixed this with 140 tons of rock chips. Superintendent Dauphin reported to the committee that he had ordered another 25 tons of salt.

5. The streets committee discussed the city ordinance for snow and ice removal from the residential and business sidewalks after a snow event. The committee members asked the clerk to have a notice in the Mirror Democrat newspaper as a reminder to the residents.

Alderman Rose reported of the January 12th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The monthly report for December was provided by Chief Cass.
2. Chief Cass reported he would be presenting a candidate in the future to add to the part time officer roster.
3. Discussed the status of the vehicles.
4. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation OFFICER IN TRAINING to hire Courney Grinnall as a part time police officer in training at the hourly rate of \$14.25. 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 Kaczmarski reported of the January 12th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation BDD FUNDING to authorize and approve the funding for the Preparation of a Business District Development Eligibility Study and Business District Plan for the City of Mount Carroll at the cost of \$25,000 to Kathleen Field Orr & Associates and Sharon pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services with the first payment of \$10,000 to come from the City General Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Risko presented the proposed police department budget POLICE DEPT. BUDGET for the next fiscal year. Grand total of expenses for next year at \$241,050 which is 2% more than last year. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve this portion of the budget for the next fiscal year. 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.
4. Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and made comment about the proposed Business Development District.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass the MFT RESOLUTION Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the Road Maintenance for calendar year 2016 that also approves the appropriation of \$35,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution is adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under general audience the council discussed the Business Development GENERAL AUDIENCE District and Mr. John Swiech, CDC, reported of a possible renter for the second floor of the Market Street Commons building.

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

The bridge inspection report of the State Street culvert submitted by Willett & Hofmann & Associates. The letter from Storm Siren, Inc. with information about storm warning equipment. Alderman Bergren stated he would check into the costs for the "Reverse 9-1-1" phone systems that other community's have put into place for emergency warnings to the residents.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector