

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 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, absent.
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the February 23, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0
noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2016 as approved by the
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes,
Kaczmariski, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$444,062.14 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the March 8th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS
1. Reported of the maintenance of the equipment and start of the spring clean up at the cemetery.
The clerk was asked to place an ad in the newspaper about the removal of grave site decorations
by April 1st.
2. Discussed the present projects such as snow plowing, tree trimming and street sweeping and the
upcoming summer street repair projects.

Alderman Risko reported of the March 8th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY BOARD
1. Alderman Risko reported that there would be \$700 coming to the ENDOWMENT FUND
City from the Mount Carroll Community Development Foundation (Cemetery Endowment
Fund) to go towards the repair and maintenance of hazardous and damaged monuments at the
City cemetery.
2. The crew would be cleaning up and landscaping the area where the garage was taken down this
winter.
3. The committee discussed the monument repairs for this coming year. Mr. Appell would be
coming to Campbell Center again in May for the stone repair HIRE MR. APPELL
classes. He could do another restoration project for the City at the same cost as last year.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to hire Mr. Jon Appell to conduct a monument
restoration project again this year at the City cemetery at a cost of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0
noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the March 8th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. The monthly report for February was presented by the Chief.
2. Heard report from chief about an accident with the Tahoe squad car. Damage about \$1,400. No
officer injury or other vehicle or property damages.
3. The chief reported that Scout, the K-9 dog, had been experiencing some shoulder weakness and

problems jumping in and out of the vehicle. They have been taking Scout to the doctor for the issue. The chief reported that he felt Scout had not been showing much or any improvement so far. The committee discussed the need to evaluate what the City would do if Scout was not able to work any longer.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the March 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the employee health insurance renewal information. There INSURANCE was going to be about an 8% increase with the current coverage. Alderman Powers stated he would like to talk with the agent with a few questions he had and would report back at the next meeting. No objections were voiced by the council.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$9,014.63 from the city motor fuel tax fund to the city general fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Noted this was a reimbursement for the purchase of road salt paid from the general fund last year.
4. Alderman Risko reviewed and presented the revenues and expenses BUDGET for the following departments proposed for this next year's budget:
Water Dept. revenues \$593,080 and expenses \$649,150; Sewer Dept. revenues \$216,815 and expenses \$275,350; Recreation Fund revenues \$35,810 and expenses \$42,650; Audit Fund revenues \$19,510 and expenses \$19,000; Civil Defense Fund revenues \$415 and expenses \$3,000; Garbage Fund revenues \$98,500 and expenses \$102,000; Insurance Fund revenues \$42,075 and expenses \$42,000; Motor Fuel Tax Fund revenues \$43,350 and expenses \$65,000; IMRF (Retirement Fund) \$47,250 and expenses \$42,000; Social Security (& Medicare) Fund revenues \$31,200 and expenses \$30,000; Band Fund revenues \$5,300 and expenses \$5,250; Brick Street Fund revenues \$310 and expenses \$1,700; Building Fund revenues \$5,050 and expenses \$6,000; Forestry Fund revenues \$7,350 and expenses \$12,550; Bond & Interest Sinking Fund revenues \$272,100 and expenses \$268,000; Capital Improvement Fund revenues \$52,800 and expenses \$52,000; Health & Welfare Fund revenues \$1,000 and expenses \$1,000; Revolving Loan Fund revenues \$15,800 and expenses \$90,000; TIF revenues \$65,150 and expenses \$65,000.

The finance committee discussed the need for more information regarding the added expenses for the ice skating rink operation and maintenance for next year that was proposed in the recreation fund.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported of moving forward with the different vacant property issues. And Mayor Bates reported he had not had an opportunity to talk with the representative from Sand Prairie Wireless about the placement of another antenna on the City water tower. He would report back about the matter once he makes contact with him.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to accept RUSSELL HANDEL the letter of resignation to retire from Water and Sewer Superintendent RETIREMENT Russell Handel. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, no, and Grim, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates reported that Rusty would be working with the staff for a time to meet the State's reporting requirements. These would be limited hours per month and the mayor stated he would work up an agreement for this. The council all voiced their appreciation for the service Rusty has provided the City.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Rose seconded to accept SHAWNA HOUZENGA
the letter of resignation from Custodian Shawna Houzenga. Roll call vote: RESIGNATION
Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5
yesses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates stated that the custodian work for the city hall and community
house would be done by the current staff at this time.

Mayor Bates reported the next item on the agenda was a letter that he LETTER TO IDOT
drafted that was going to the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding a highway access on
Illinois Route 64 for a proposed retail business. Mayor Bates stated that the council was not necessarily
required to approve of the letter he presented for their review this evening, but he certainly wanted them
to be aware of this matter. Aldermen Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the
letter drafted by the mayor to go to IDOT regarding a highway access for a proposed business. Roll call
vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, no, Kaczmarski, yes, and Grim, absent.
Vote: 4 yesses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Clerk Cuckler reported that the festivals MAPPING group had been COMMUNITY DINNER
working to organize a community dinner event. Just wanting to let the EVENT
council aware of some of the plans that this could be in the downtown or proposed to be at the City park
sometime this summer. The question was whether the council would have any issues with the proposed
event if there was alcohol served. The council members present did not present any objections at this
time, but would need more information about the service of alcohol.

The council members present discussed the sales tax percentage rate BDD SALES TAX RATE
to be imposed for the proposed Business Development District. The maximum rate could go to 1% but
can be set in .25% increments up to that rate. Alderman Powers noted that the county had on the primary
election ballot a question for a school sales tax that would be decided on March 15th. He stated he felt
the council might want to see how that turns out. The council members present were in agreement to
have this on the agenda again for the City's March 22nd regular meeting. The public hearing and special
meeting date to approve the ordinance setting this rate was scheduled for March 24th.

Under general audience Mr. Jim Fiser, South Jackson Street, was in GENERAL AUDIENCE
attendance and addressed the council about the problem he continues to have regarding the noise from
the neighboring business from the bands that play until very late at night. It continues to be very
disturbing even though it is all inside the building and the decibel levels are lower than the City's
ordinance. He stated the business owner had stated at one time he was going to build a barrier, but this
has not happened. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with the business owner, but that the police would
continue to come to his residence and record the decibel levels when Mr. Fiser calls and he would ask
the council to review this with the police during a license and ordinance committee meeting at the next
regular meeting date (March 22nd). Mr. John Swiech, CDC, reported that the bids for the second floor
rehab work at the "Kraft" building were coming in. They would be moving forward on this project.
Aldermen Bergren reported that the City's walking tour information was now online for viewing.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to go into CLOSED SESSION
executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or
dismissal of specific employees. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes,
Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yesses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
Mayor Bates announced the meeting would go into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Bates announced the meeting was back into regular session at 8:41 p.m. No action was taken from the executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

The informaion from Ms. Sharon Pepin about the Safe Routes to School grant program.

The letter from the Illinois EPA regarding different requirements to implement for public notification about the water distribution systems.

The letter from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the May 4th Lobby Day in Springfield, IL.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to

ADJOURNMENT

adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Grim, absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 22, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector