

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

Ms. PJ Ladehoff-Mueller 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 Kaczmarski, present, ROLL CALL  
Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim, present.

Alderman Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the March 22, 2016 regular meeting and the March 24, 2016 public hearing and special meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2016 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$469,905.57 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the April 12<sup>th</sup> recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES  
RECREATION BOARD  
1. Alderman Grim reported that there was no action taken from the closed session to review the 9 applications received. The committee would report back to the council once the pool manager presents her recommendations.  
2. Discussed the restoration of the locker rooms.  
3. The committee decided to keep open the time period to accept applications for the lifeguards and take some of the blank applications to the high school. To receive applications through May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Grim reported of the April 12<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS  
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of the ongoing and current projects.  
-He noted they were completing the placement of the new traffic signs that were funded by a grant from the State.  
-Street sweeping was ongoing.  
-Completed a tree trimming project around the creek area at Point Rock Park.  
-Noted there are several storm sewers that have collapsed over the winter. Will be replacing those this spring.  
-Started the mowing for the season.  
-Have scheduled the street washing with the Fire Department for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
-Discussed the brick street replacement proposed for this year.  
-Will be preparing the alleys for repaving this year.  
-Discussed the parking lots in the downtown.  
-Alderman Grim reported he was approached by a citizen that wanted to express his appreciation to the City's street department for their work helping with the removal of a tree from in front of their property. A job well done.  
-Superintendent Dauphin stated he would like to recommend SUMMER HIRES  
the city consider rehiring the same summer season employees for this year as were on staff last

year. Alderman Grim presented the streets committee recommendation to rehire the same summer season employees, Robert Irons, Tom Franks and Matthew Wiersema, as were on staff last year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the April 12<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Reviewed the monthly report from Chief Cass for the month of March 2016.
2. Chief Cass reported the squad car had been repaired.
3. Chief Cass reported that they were going to have another veterinarian take a look at Scout, as his mobility was still quite strained, and would report back to the council.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee COLLECTOR'S REPORT recommendation to place the 2016 Annual Collector's Report on file. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The finance committee members voiced their approval to table the matter of the ad placement in the West Carroll Sports Booster booklet until Alderman Kaczmarski talks with one of board members about this matter.
4. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee RLF GUIDELINES recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the updated City Revolving Loan Fund Recapture Strategy as approved by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee FARMER'S MARKET ENTERTAINMENT recommendation to approve the payment of \$500.00 to the Art Guild for the Farmer's Market music entertainment to be paid from the City's band fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. There was discussion about using both sides of the sidewalk on that one block of East Market Street for the first Saturday of the month when there would be more vendors with the Artisan Market.

Mr. Will Mueller, downtown building owner, was in attendance and MUSIC IN THE SQUARE addressed the council to request to use the courtyard bandstand for a "Music in the Square" weekly event during the months of June and July. The weekly Thursday evening events would be organized by him, he would provide and set up the PA system to be used, the CDC would help with some of the marketing, and the businesses would be contacted to see how they might want to participate. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the use of the bandstand for the Music in the Square weekly event in June and July of this year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve STREET SOLICITATION the request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct a Street Solicitation at the highway and downtown intersections on May 14, 2016. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarks, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation to request the placement of a Community Awards Program sign for West Carroll School student Daniel Hartman III to recognize his 2016 FFA State Champion Honor in Wildlife Management. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the annual renewal of the two rental agreements for the use of the community house by Carla Eaton and the Living Waters Fellowship. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the raffle licenses for the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren read the Arbor Day Proclamation setting April 29<sup>th</sup> for the annual celebration. Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:  
There were two letters from Mediacom, the local cable television vendor, regarding the Capital Investment Plan and information about the channel line-up and equipment changes.  
The IL Municipal League Risk Management Association newsletter.  
Information about the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Labor Program.  
Information about the new "GovRank.org" website with government financial information.  
Mayor Bates reported of the IL Municipal League's Lobby Day on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, IL and the Northern IL Mayor's Association meeting coming up in Stillman Valley.  
Mayor Bates also noted there was a proposed new agreement from Sand Prairie Wireless for the placement of the antenna equipment on the City watertower. This would be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector