

MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan Hatheway 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Rhett Simkins, Living Water Fellowship, gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the April 26, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, 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 Kaczmarski seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2016 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$488,155.90 as of today.

Mr. Matthew Toland, Executive Director of Campbell Center, was in CAMPBELL CENTER  
attendance and addressed the council about the current activities and classes at the Campbell Center campus.

Alderman Risko reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES  
CEMETERY

1. Alderman Risko commented that the cemetery was looking good.
2. The crew would be working on the vacant demolition site area this spring. MONUMENT
3. Discussed the request from Jena (Warfield) Bienash to place a bench and new monument on the family lot located in Section 2. Superintendent Dauphin stated that there was plenty of room on the lot for this monument. The board members have voiced their approval to this request.  
Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the placement of the new bench memorial per the request from Jena (Warfield) Bienash on the family lot located in Section 2 of the cemetery. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that one of the summer help employees has started mowing.
5. Discussed the complaint voiced in the newspaper Letter to the Editor recently. Alderman Risko stated he had talked with the individual about the matter.
6. Discussed an inquiry about a gravesite that was damaged. Alderman Risko reported that the crew would be making the appropriate repairs.
7. Noted the gravestone restoration work would be done in June.
8. Discussed the grass and residue left on the gravestones after mowing and weed eating. To consider a leaf blower or an attachment for the mower to help with this.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 10<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Noted the ongoing projects such as, maintaining the equipment, the cemetery clean up, the roadway and ditch work to be done, the street sweeping and the new pole saw working well for

tree trimming.

2. Discussed the Mayfest prep and Memorial Day cleaning and mowing projects.
3. Superintendent Dauphin stated they would be clearing out some of the fallen trees in the creek at Point Rock Park.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported they were completing some repairs to the salt bin. There were two more loads coming for delivery within the week which was needed to fulfill the the City's contract with the road salt vendor.
5. Have compiled a list of alleys to be repaired and paved. The estimated cost was \$25,000.
6. Discussed the report of the Galena Street bridge and the order BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT From the Illinois Department of Transportation to reduce the weight limit to five tons. Directed the street superintendent to post that as soon as possible.
7. Discussed the parking lot repairs needed in the downtown.

Alderman Rose reported of the May 10<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The monthly report presented by Chief Cass. Noted there was more activity with the warmer weather.
2. Chief Cass reported that Scout had received a cortizone shot in his elbow area. Chief Cass stated he felt that Scout would require another treatment.
3. Discussed the process and scheduling for hiring another full time police officer.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the May 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee SPORTS BOOKLET AD recommendation to approve the purchase of the ¼ page ad in the West Carroll Sports Booster Club 2016-2017 Booklet at the cost of \$210.00. 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.
3. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee MAYFEST AD recommendation to approve the purchase of the Mayfest ad from the Mirror Democrat to be in the Mayfest booklet and community ad at a cost of \$125.00 to the City. Roll call vote: Alderman Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.
4. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee ICE CREAM SOCIAL recommendation to approve the payment of \$300.00 from the City band fund to the Mount Carroll Lutheran Church to go towards the entertainment for the June 26<sup>th</sup> ice cream social event.
5. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee FIRE DEPARTMENT to approve the payment of \$150.00 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department to go towards the expenses for the May 15, 2015 street washing project with the City crew. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$27,000.00 from the City general to the new designated general fund savings account for vehicle and equipment replacement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Risko reported of the end of the fiscal year cash balances for the last three years.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that the complaints for the vacant properties had been drafted. Discussed the tall weeds and grass issues with a couple of these parcels.

The council discussed another option to consider when reviewing the sewer user rates to plan for the new treatment plant. Mayor Bates reported that the engineers have indicated that the preliminary plan would be completed sometime around June 1<sup>st</sup>. The council members present discussed having a town hall public hearing to get more input from the public about the matter.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2016-5-1 Ordinance No. 2016-5-1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-3-11 ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT'S RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX THEREIN. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Rose, yes. Ordinance No. 2016-5-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve COMMUNITY HOUSE the quote from Herrell Electric, Mount Carroll, IL, to complete the recommended outlet and electric service improvements at the City community house building at the cost not to exceed \$995.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE raffle liceses for the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, here, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeases, 1 present and 0 noes. the motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS approve the annual appointments the same as last year as presented by the mayor. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

The council members present discussed the process to consider the CITY CLERK POSITION appointment of the city clerk's position. Alderman Risko stated this was brought up to provide that the city hall staff would always transition under a more qualified basis. It was noted that there would be a set job description when looking to have this as an appointed position. Mayor Bates stated that since this would need to go to the Mount Carroll voters, he had checked with the county clerk and this question could be on the ballot for the national November election. Mayor Bates stated he would check to see if there was a cost to have this referendum question on the county ballot. Mayor Bates reported if there was not a cost, the resolution for council approval could be presented at a future meeting, and would need to be addressed though before August 22, 2016 to be on that November ballot. Alderman Grim commented he thought the council should schedule a town hall meeting to discuss this matter as well.

Under general audience, Mr. Robert Hatheway, owner of Shaw's GENERAL AUDIENCE Market was in attendance and asked about the planning commission meeting coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bates stated the meeting was to be here in city hall at 5:30 p.m. It was to address a zoning matter for a new retail business store. City Attorney Ronald Coplan commented that he had been in touch with the developer about their attendance to the planning commission meeting on that evening. Mr. John Swiech, CDC, commented about some of the activities at the Kraft Building. Ms. Michelle Fossett reported that the MAPPING parks and recreation committee would be scheduling a park clean up for

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to go EXECUTIVE SESSION into closed session to discuss litigation that has been filed and is pending. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 9:07 p.m.

Mayor Bates announced that there was no action from the closed session.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ADJOURNMENT adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 24, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector