

MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Haring 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 Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John McConnel gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the May 10, 2016 regular 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 Rose moved and Alderman Kaczmariski 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 Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT totaling \$507,278.82 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the May 23rd recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES RECREATION BOARD

1. The pool opening date was scheduled for May 28th. Swimming lessons would be offered in two separate weeks, June 27 through July 1st and July 11th through July 15th. The family 5K fundraiser was scheduled for July 9th and the registration and marketing was organized.
2. The repair work had been completed on the grates and the pool was full. The lifeguard chair had been restored. The scraping and painting of the building and fence were in progress and the new plumbing fixtures have been ordered for the locker rooms.
3. The board discussed the improvements to the old basketball court by the pool facility. The estimated costs to repair the backboards and seal coat the court area were \$1,200. To contact the school about sharing the cost with the city since this area was located on school property.
4. Discussed increasing the season pass rates this year. Presented a proposal for council approval. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve an increase in the season pass rates for the 2016 summer season as follows: For inside city limits the single pass fee to set at \$50, and the family of 4 pass fee to set at \$80 and \$15 for each additional person; For the outside city limits the single pass fee to set at \$60, and the family of 4 pass fee to set at \$100 and \$15 for each additional person; the seniors at 65 years old and older are free admission; private individual swimming lessons to be set at \$50 per student. 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 Grim reported of the May 24th water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reviewed the WATER METERS sizes, types and quantities of meter to be considered to develop the bid specifications for the new radio read water meters. Cost estimates provided based on one vendor. Sharon reported that she and Greg Kloopping would be meeting with another vendor soon. Continue to move forward.

2. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the status of the preliminary engineering report with the USDA. Discussed funding sources.
 3. Operator Greg Kloepping reported that about one half of the fire hydrant flushing project was completed. About 8 of the hydrants so far were needing some sort of repairs or replacement. Will report back with the exact number once all are assessed after the flushing work.
 4. Repair work done at the swimming pool and scheduled opening date should be doable. Working with the plumber to get the new receptacles installed into the bathrooms.
 5. Repair work was needed on the equipment van and completed at the cost of \$550. To work on getting specifications for a new van by the next meeting for review by the committee.
- Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the May 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
 2. The finance committee discussed a set aside amount to consider KUNES AGREEMENT to go into an account for the Kunes' Redevelopment Agreement. Will review some of the sales tax data from last year and the mayor stated he would report back at the next meeting.
 3. Mayor Bates reported that he and Chief Cass have an officer to consider for the police department. Would be hiring him part time and at the next meeting would bring this individual to the council. POLICE DEPARTMENT
 4. Alderman Risko asked to have the council consider a sewer rate increase at the next meeting. Alderman Powers read a couple of letters he received about the sewer rate increases. SEWER RATES

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that the complaints for the vacant and unkept properties had been filed and were being served to all of the property owners. The Miller Street property was abandoned so that suit should follow the process. He reported he had been contacted by the property owner of the West State Street property and she was cleaning this out of all of her belongings. The "Bushy Flats" property owners were not happy and expressing some confusion. City Attorney Coplan reported that he and the mayor were scheduling a meeting before the next council meeting with the property owners of the Bushy Flats to express the City's expectations to get on board with getting the buildings up to code.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve ZONING VARIANCE the planning commission recommendation to approve the application for a zoning variance submitted by Mr. Norman Wallgrn of Stockton, IL for the property located at 1006 E. Benton Street, Mount Carroll, IL, to be able to build a single family residence with an attached garage on the existing existing foundation which would place the structure 18.9' from the rear boundary. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Mayor Bates reported that the second item on the agenda for the planning commission was tabled.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Griom seconded to approve the BELL TOWER proposal from Mr. Chris Rogers in the amount of \$1,500.00 to re-tuck point the bricks of the City Hall bell tower arch and knee wall and re-seal the perimeter of the roof that was built underneath the bell. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve RAFFLE LICENSE

the raffle license from the American legion Post #67. 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.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the TRACTOR PARADE Resolution Authorizing the Carroll County Farm Bureau to Conduct the Annual Antique Tractor Parade Within the Mount Carroll Corporate Limits on July 15, 2016. 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 authorizing the tractor parade was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO. Resolution No. R5-2016-1, A Resolution Providing for a Referendum R5-2016-1 On the Question of Appointing the City Clerk of the City of Mount Carroll, Illinois. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R5-2106-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC addressed the council GENERAL AUDIENCE and reported that an interested residential developer unfortunately did not get all of the funding they were seeking so that project would not be happening. The CDC was still struggling with getting the funding to rehab the second floor of the Kraft Building, but was looking into other resources. Noted the Mayfest/Memorial Day events were coming up this weekend.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates reported of the following:

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from the Community Foundation Great River Bend regarding the distribution from the Oak Hill Cemetery Endowment of \$700 to the City to be used for the Oak Hill Cemetery care, maintenance and upkeep
2. The letter from the warden of the Administrative United States Penitentiary in Thomson, IL regarding the next scheduled Community Relations board meeting on June 2nd

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ADJOURNMENT adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 14, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector