

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Robert Klein 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, absent, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Karen Kromer gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the May 24, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes,
Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2016 as approved by the
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes
and Kaczmariski, 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 \$490,430.28 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 14, 2016 cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES
CEMETERY
1. Alderman Risko noted a lot of work had been done at the cemetery since the last meeting.
2. A recent "Letter to the Editor" noted commenting about the cemetery funds. To discuss the
issues brought up by the writer, Judson Smith, at the city council meeting later this evening.
3. Reviewed the work done on the gravestones by Jon Appell and the city crew. 48 stones
improved, cleaned or repaired this year.
4. Discussed getting a rear discharge mower deck for the cemetery. MOWER DECK
Superintendent Dauphin reported that Merema Brothers in Fulton, IL had a used rear discharge
mower deck with the same amount of hours use that the City could exchange for our side
discharge mower deck. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to authorize the
superintendent to exchange the City's mower deck with Merema Brothers at no cost to the City.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and
Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 14th streets committee meeting: STREETS
1. Discussed the ongoing projects. The MAPPING park committee members helped with some
great improvements at the park during their volunteer work day, as well as, the Boy Scout troop.
2. Current projects include the clean up of the creek area at Point Rock park, starting the alley
repairs, sidewalk work and completing the concrete work at the pool site.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 14th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Chief Cass provided a monthly report for May 2016.
2. Chief Cass presented a recommendation to the council to hire Mr. GERALD BENNETT
Gerald Bennett of Warren, IL as a full time police patrol officer. The pay grade and benefits
were discussed. Alderman Rose presented the police recommendation to hire Mr. Bennett as a
full time police officer, with a six-month probationary period, to start at the level twelve pay
grade in the ten-year experience column with the hourly rate at \$17.37, and have ten days paid

vacation time benefit at time of hire. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

3. Chief Cass reported that K-9 Scout had improved since his last round of shots for his shoulder. Alderman Risko reported of the June 14th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation KUNES AGREEMENT to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the general fund checking account to the Kunes Agreement Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The finance committee discussed the sewer rate increase options. SEWER RATES
To consider a rate increase to the usage rate and the fixed Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) fee. To review the options discussed so far and bring back for a recommendation at the next regular meeting.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that he and the city attorney had met with all but one of the "Bushy Flats" property owners earlier today. He noted that they had discussed with the property owners of the Bushy Flats the City's expectations to getting the buildings up to code or most likely the demolition of the row of buildings. One of the first steps would be again to get a dumpster in to clean up the debris accumulating along the outside of the buildings and clean out what was possible from the inside of the buildings. To check with Moring Disposal about costs for getting a dumpster for here and have those figures available for the council to discuss at the next meeting.

Robert and Stacie Klein, owners of Charlie's II, Inc., 123 West Market Street, were in attendance and addressed the council about their request for a special event permit to service alcoholic beverages and provide live entertainment outside of their establishment at the adjoining North Carroll Street and City parking lot on July 2nd. They also asked to have the 300 and 400 block of North Carroll Street blocked off to vehicle traffic starting at 10:00 a.m. to around midnight that night in order to be able to tear down the equipment and clean up. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the request from the owners of Charlie's II for a special event permit and allow the street closure presented from 8:00 a.m. on July 2nd to 8:00 a.m. on July 3rd. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the Letter of Agreement from Nicor gas regarding the Franchise Ordinance Annual Gas Therms Allocation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2016-06-2, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USAGE OF GOLF CARTS AND NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2016-06-2 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of council members present.

Under general audience, Mr. Frank Nester, Mount Carroll was in attendance, he stated on behalf of Mr. Judson Smith that was in the hospital. He discussed with the council the "Letter to the Editor" that Mr. Smith wrote in the newspaper and Alderman Risko's response regarding the new wastewater treatment plant project and the City's cemetery funds. Ms. Michelle Fossett of the (MAPPING) Mount Up committee was in attendance and reported the organization had gotten a tax ID number, and reported of the upcoming events, the Car Cruise night this weekend, the 5K fundraiser on July 9th for the swimming pool, and the planning efforts for a Sesquicentennial. Ms. Sheri Traum, cemetery board member, stated she wished to commend Alderman Risko for his efforts and work with the cemetery board and the establishment of the Cemetery Endowment Fund through the Mount Carroll Community Foundation.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under correspondence Mayor Bates reported of the following:

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding the new flouridation level requirements for public water supplies.
2. The letter from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the Spring Legislative Session.
3. The letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the posting weight limits for the Galena Street Bridge.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 28, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector