

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Paige Miller 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, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, ROLL CALL
Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Rhett Simkins, the Living Water Fellowship gave the invocation.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the July 26, 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 Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 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 \$568,736.19 as of today. COMMITTEES

Alderman Risko reported of the July 26, 2016 streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of the alley work that had been done so far and what was going to be completed in the next week weather permitting.
2. The committee discussed the request to vacate an alley from the property owners in the City's Turnbaugh's Addition.
3. Discussed the sidewalk replacement and park clean up projects. Superintendent Dauphin stated the park would need some more picnic tables in the next year.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported the storm sewer repair along Rapp Street was completed.
5. Kudos to the street department staff for the work on the paving of the alleys.
6. Superintendent Dauphin stated he would schedule the fire hydrant repair work with the water department once all of the alley work was done.

Alderman Rose reported of the July 26th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Discussed the example of the Social Hosting Ordinance. To provide a copy of this to the City Attorney for his review.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the July 26, 2016 finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that the West OLD BUSINESS
State Street property had been sold and there was a new owner. He stated he had sent a letter to this gentleman outlining the City's expectations for the clean up of the property. Regarding the Miller Street property the consensus of the council members present was to ask the City Attorney to proceed with getting a judicial deed as this property would have no contest and had been abandoned by the estate.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the PHEASANTS FOREVER

contribution of \$100 to the Carroll County Chapter of Pheasants Forever to be used for the scholarship fund. 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.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the request from BRICK STREET DAY the Mount Carroll Brick Street Saturday Committee to allow alcoholic beverages in certain areas where the streets were closed for the August 27th event. No alcohol would be allowed in the courtyard square. Mayor Bates expressed his concern about whose dram insurance coverage would be covering this since the proposal was to have a restricted area downtown for individuals to carry the alcoholic beverages, but would not be on premises of any of the liquor establishments in the downtown. He stated he felt that if there was to be a business that had a license now that wished to have a special event license and had the insurance for a designated area or stayed on premises that would be a doable action for this event coming soon. Ms. Paige Miller was in attendance, an employee of the Mount Carroll Bowling Center and addressed the council that they would be interested in having a few tables in the front of the business only on that day and all of the customers would need to stay on premises. Mayor Bates stated that he could talk with the manager or owner of the bowling alley about this matter after the meeting and this could be worked out before the event. After more discussion there was no other action proposed.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2016-08-5, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SEWER RATES. 2016-08-5

There was discussion about the rate schedule and clarified in this final draft of the ordinance.

Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2016-07-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve STREET SOLICITATION the request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct a street solicitation activity on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Main and Market Street intersection and the highway intersection within the corporate limits. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Griml yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to start the process VACATE AN ALLEY to vacate a certain alley located in the Turnbaugh Addition of the City of Mount Carroll per a request from the adjoining property owners. 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. All of the documents to be forwarded to the city attorney for his review and action back to the city council.

The council members present were in agreement to ask the city attorney TRAVEL EXPENSE to review the new state legislation regarding the Travel Expense CONTROL ACT Control Act and provide the draft of the required ordinance for council consideration.

Under public comment Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance GENERAL AUDIENCE and reported that the Whiteside/Carroll Counties Enterprise Zone office had contacted him for some information about vacant properties in Mount Carroll. He was working with the city hall staff to get that listing together. He reported of the funding needs for the remodeling of the second floor of the Kraft building. Alderman Grim asked about the contribution request for the Brick Street Saturday Event. Mayor Bates stated this could be handled at the next meeting.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the loan application documents submitted to the IEPA regarding the new water meters and fire hydrant replacement projects were available for review in city hall. He also noted a letter from Medicom Cable Television regarding new rate information. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bates reported of a request from Ms. Kay Hartman to review her situation regarding the location of a Nicor Gas line vault that was constructed along Southeast Lane within the City's corporate limits. He stated he was in contact with someone from Nicor about her question.

Mayor Bates noted the "Future Forward Five O'Clock Fling" meet and greet event scheduled for September 21st at 5:00 p.m. at Henry's Double K business sponsored by the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation.

Mayor Bates stated that MSA Professional Services would be in attendance at the next water and sewer committee meeting to discuss some of the studies needed prior to design for the wastewater treatment plant improvement.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarewski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 23, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector