

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Kurt Frederick 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, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, ROLL CALL

Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.

Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the October 25, 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 Grim seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 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 \$680,242.16 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the November 8th recreation board RECREATION BOARD
meeting:

1. The board members discussed the WSI training and swimming lessons procedures.
2. Discussed the completed repairs and the updates at the pool. Will have the improvements to the locker room floors and basketball court finished by this spring.
3. Discussed the storage of equipment for the winter season.
4. Discussed the formation of a nine-member pool committee as part of the feasibility study to be done by Brubach Aquatics. Interested persons are to contact Alderman Grim.
5. The board went into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. The committee made a recommendation to hire Stephanie and Andy Hughes as co-managers for the swimming pool for the 2017 summer season.
6. Discussed that the pool staff would help with staffing a booth on Sunday afternoons when the ice skating rink was set up and usable this winter.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to hire POOL MANAGERS
Stephanie and Andy Hughes as co-managers for the City pool for the 2017 summer season. 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 November 8th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Opened two graves this last month at the cemetery.
2. Cleaned up the area where the garage was demolished this year and were mulching leaves and preparing for winter.
3. Approved service fees and lot sale increases to recommend to the FEE INCREASES
city council for implementation January 1, 2017. PROPOSED
Grave opening and closing fees for casket on weekdays from \$510 to \$575

For casket on weekend days and holidays from \$700 to \$775

For an urn on weekdays from \$175 to \$200

For an urn on weekend days and holidays from \$250 to \$275

Lot sales from \$550 to \$650 for each burial space

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the proposed cemetery fees increases to be effective January 1, 2017. 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.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 8th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Winter prep underway
2. Heard a report from Superintendent Dauphin of the completed blacktopping project on East Benton Street to level out the settled low spots in the paved roadway area. To see how this holds throughout the winter.
3. To consider scheduling some sidewalk work if weather permits.
4. Heard a report that the street sweeper was out of commission needing repairs.
5. Discussed the set up of the ice skating rink for this coming winter.
6. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge Project. The bid letting is being proposed for this upcoming spring.
7. Superintendent Dauphin reported the park was winterized and the summer help was done for the season.
8. Superintendent Dauphin reported the crew repaired a water leak on Mill Street today.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 8th finance committee FINANCE meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee SALARY INCREASES recommendation to approve an increase of the employees' salaries the same as last year. (Essentially a 1.5% raise to the full time employees and a 1.7% to the part time employees) 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 Rose reported of the November 8th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The monthly report was reviewed.
2. Discussed the need to purchase new tires for the Tahoe squad. The chief will check on costs.
3. Chief Cass reported that Courtney Grinnall took the testing for the part time officer training. Should get word about the results within a week or so.

Under old business the council discussed the status of the vacant and OLD BUSINESS unkept properties.

Mayor Bates reported he had talked with Sharon Pepin of Community Funding and Planning Services about completing an updated Capital Improvements Plan. She had stated that she would be able to facilitate this at a cost of \$2,800 to the City. Mayor Bates stated he would have this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The council discussed establishing a Business Development District (BDD) Advisory Committee. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with Consulting Attorney Kathi Orr about how other communities have done this or if she has any suggestions.

Under general audience the council discussed the fall leaf burning.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the letter of resignation from Pat Fuller as the City's Health Officer. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Pat Fuller. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE
LETTER OF
RESIGNATION

Mayor Bates reported of the letter from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity regarding a proposed change with the City's revolving loan fund. There would be further correspondence sometime around January to clarify what that change would mean for the City.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to

ADJOURNMENT

adjourn the meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 22, 2016 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector