MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUN T CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Will Mueller rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present. ROLL CALL
Alderman Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Jim Rose gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes of the December 27, 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. MINUTES

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2017 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. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling $633,575.69 as of today. FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMITTEES

Alderman Risko reported of the January 10th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Discussed the winter weather events so far this month.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported that weather permitting they would be taking down the Christmas decorations from the light poles this week.
3. Discussed the construction of the ice skating rink at Point Rock Park.
4. Discussed the community activities being scheduled on the weekends at the ice rink and reported that a portable toilet would be needed again this year at the site. Cost at $160.00. Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to approve the rental of the portable toilet at the park at a cost not to exceed $200.00. 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. PORTABLE TOILET
5. Discussed the lighting fixtures that were picked out to be placed on the new Galena Street Bridge.
6. Discussed the budget and CIP.
7. Alderman Risko reported that he had been contacted by some individuals from the Catholic Church wondering how to get some handicapped parking spaces designated in front of the church. The committee member present decided to deferr any action on this matter to the next meeting in order to seek more information.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the January 10th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the TIF disbursements for APPROVAL OF TIF DISBURSEMENTS

this year as follows: Mt. Carroll Banking Center, $7,066; Pins4Cruisin (Mt. Carroll Bowling Center), $1,375; Schneider House, $1,000; Mt. Carroll Café, $1,000; 110 West Market Street, LLC, $2,500; Ryan Handel DBA CarTunes 2.0, $500; Kunes' Country Auto Group, $1,500; to the City Debt Service Fund for the water project, $28,989; to the City General Fund for reimbursement of legal fees and TIF Association dues, $3,920; to the City Revolving Loan Fund for the CDC/Kraft Building RLF Loan, $6,950; approval of a set aside amount of $9,000 towards the payment of a new police squad car; and the payment of $7,000 for the new water and sewer department van vehicle (this amount paid to Kunes' Country Auto Group earlier). Total $70,800. 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 recommendation to authorize the City's contribution of $5,000 to the Sesquicentennial Activities expenses for this year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. SESQUICENTENNIAL EXPENSES
4. Discussed the bookkeeping of the Business Development District (BDD) receipts. The clerk would be setting up a separate fund in the General Fund at this time.

Under old business, Mayor Bates and City Attorney Coplan reported that the deed for the 602 South Miller Street property had been signed over to the City by the judge on December 16, 2016. In discussion the consensus of the council members present was to have the two zoning officers conduct a site visit and assess the building on the property and report back to the council. City Attorney Coplan reported that another hearing was scheduled for Friday, January 13th to review the status of the Bushy Flats properties. MILLER STREET

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve A Proclamation Commemorating the City of Mount School Choice Week, January 22-28, 2017. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The proclamation was approved as presented. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the discussion to consider submitting an application to co-sponsor with the Mount Carroll CDC for a Peace Corps Fellow intern through one of the State agencies. Alderman Risko reported that the applications needed to be submitted very soon to provide for the review of the placement for the fellows in Illinois. The intern could be used for city and CDC activities and programs. Sponsorship includes funds, possibly up to $5,000, office space, phone and internet access and office equipment and office supplies. Mayor Bates stated he wished to review the support letter to be considered from the City for this matter and the council could consider the approval of this proposed sponsorship at the next council meeting. No objections were voiced by the council members in attendance. PEACE CORPS FELLOW

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and addressed the council about a proposal to place more lighting onto the Civil War Monument in the downtown courtyard square. The council members in attendance voiced their approval to get more information about the costs for this project and whether the County would be interested in allowing the City to do this project. LIGHTING FOR MONUMENT

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence: CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from Storm Sirens, Inc. about emergency warning sirens. Discussed the process to consider the emergency phone call system for the community.

Discussed the charges for the new sewer rate increase for the wastewater treatment plant. To review the ordinance language regarding the minumum charges.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

These minutes were approved at the January 24, 2017 regular meeting of the Mount Carroll City Council.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector