

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Ed Juracek 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 Kaczmariski, present, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present, ROLL CALL  
Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Ryan Strong, Mount Carroll Church of God, gave the invocation.

Ms. Judy Fitzpatrick and Ms. Nancy Gmitro of the Mount Carroll SESQUICENTENNIAL  
Sesquicentennial Committee were in attendance to present the PROCLAMATION  
Proclamation for this year's activities celebrating the 150 year anniversary of the City's Incorporation.  
Ms. Fitzpatrick reported that the banners for the light poles and other displays were all delivered and the ones for the light poles were being installed by the city crew this week. She reported that they had received a grant from the Blackhawk Waterways Visitors Bureau to go towards the purchase of the banners, and Clerk Cuckler reported that the Mount Carroll Lions Club had submitted a donation of \$500 to go towards the committee's expenses.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the January 24, 2017 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 Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Powers seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2017 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 \$577,827.22 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the February 14<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
STREETS

1. Discussed the use and status of the ice skating rink.
2. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge project.
3. Discussed the front awning structure on the city hall building. Noticeable water damage lately. Alderman Risko reported that two local contractors were asked to provide information and quotes to repair or replace this.
4. Alderman Risko reported that there was a budget work meeting scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in city hall to go over the street department expenses for next year.
5. Superintendent Dauphin reported to the committee that they had been installing the Sesquicentennial Banners on the light poles, were trimming trees and cleaning the streets as weather permitted.

Alderman Rose reported of the February 14<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided the monthly report for January 2017. More activity due to mild weather.
2. Discussed the status and use of the vehicles.
3. Chief Cass reported about Scout's health issues.
4. Discussed the Thomson Prison status.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the February 14<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve submitting the application for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Wiersema to become a Notary Public at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. 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. NOTARY PUBLIC
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the payment of registration, \$175.00, and 2 nights lodging, meals and travel mileage for Alderman Risko to attend the Rural Development Conference in Springfield, IL on March 8 and 9, 2017. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, here, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. RURAL DEV. CONFERENCE
4. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the purchase of a new computer for the city hall office from Dynamic Computer Services at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. 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. NEW COMPUTER

Under old business, Mayor Bates reported the city zoning officers were going to conduct a site visit and assess the building on the Miller Street property and report back to the council. Mayor Bates stated that the next step was to start the process to sell the Miller Street property as surplus property. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to authorize the mayor to direct the city attorney to draft the notices to sell the Miller Street property as surplus property with the consideration for two options of purchase, one being the purchase to repair, and the other being the purchase to demolish, and both requiring a certain time frame for completion of the work. 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. MILLER STREET

Mayor Bates reported that a physical inspection of the Bushy Flats building was scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. BUSHY FLATS

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the appointment of Molly McDonough to the Mount Carroll Recreation Board. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. RECREATION BOARD

Ms. PJ Ladehoff-Mueller, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the application for a Peace Corps Fellow had been submitted. PEACE CORPS FELLOW

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence: CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from warden of the Thomson Penitentiary regarding the next Community Relations Board meeting.
2. The letter from Medicaom Communications Corp. regarding the annual franchise fee payment.

Clerk Cuckler reported that there were some issues with the placement and use of the garbage stickers needed for the residential waste removal. After discussion the council members present voiced their approval to review the garbage fund revenues at the next meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to ADJOURNMENT  
adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarek, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 28, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector