MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUN T CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Heather Houzenga 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 Kaczmarski, absent, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, absent, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Ricketts gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the April 25, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, and 0 noes and 2 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 Mayl 2017 as presented by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling $597,390.77 as of today.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Grim reported of the May 9th recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD

1. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to LIFEGUARD HIRING
hire Claire Mitchell as a lifeguard for the 2017 summer season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the recommendation to allow the swimming pool manager to hire staff as needed this summer season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Other discussion included the 5K Fundraiser setting a date for July 8th, scheduling opening day for May 26th, and possible emergency plan training with the Camp Benson staff.
4. Next meeting was scheduled for May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 9th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY BOARD

1. Alderman Risko noted the cemetery endowment disbursement to come from the Mount Carroll Community Foundation would be sent to the City soon in the amount of $1,000 this year.
2. Heard a report that Mr. Appel was to be conducting gravestone restoration classes during the week of May 22nd. He would be working with the city crew again this year as before for a couple of days during that time. The board members discussed having this year's summer help also clean some of the gravestones.
3. Comments that the cemetery looked good.
4. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to SUMMER HIRES
approve the recommendation from the cemetery board to hire Matthew Wiersema and Haiden Bates as the summer hires for the cemetery work this season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 9th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Cleaning the streets before the Memorial Day holiday events.
2. Alderman Risko reported the Galena Street Bridge project bid was awarded to Martin Excavating Company of Oregon, IL, with the total cost being $2,105,705.27. The City's share of the cost would be 10%. To review the funding of this project at the next council meeting.
3. Street Superintendent Dauphin reported that the blacktop plant would be opening the week of May 15th. Planning to have the Jackson Street section completed before the Memorial Day and Mayfest activites. The parking lot downtown would be completed after the holiday.
4. Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to approve the payment of $200.00 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department to help pay for the volunteer's meal expense that would be helping the city crew wash the streets a week from Sunday. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to hire Bob Irons as part time summer help to mow the City parks. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Discussed the South Jackson Street roadway project.

Alderman Powers reported of the police committee meeting: POLICE

1. It was noted that there was not a quorum. Discussion presented was that there was a matter to discuss about an employee's health insurance. To consider a closed session at the next meeting. Chief Cass presented the monthly report for April. Chief Cass reported that the new squad car was ordered. Chief Cass reported that Scout had a medical condition that would require another surgery. To have this on the agenda for the next council meeting,

Alderman Grim reported of the May 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Grim presented the finance committee recommendation BAND FUND REQUESTS to approve the contribution of $500.00 from the band fund towards the Farmers Market entertainment for this summer. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The finance committee members in attendance voiced their approval to support the grant funding for the Farmers Market activites.
4. Alderman Grim presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the payment of $300.00 from the band fund to the Lutheran Church for the entertainment at the June 25th ice cream social event. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Grim presented the finance committee recommendation CITY HALL STAFF to hire Lynnette Forth as a summer part time position in the city hall with an hourly wage of $9.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. Noted the extra help was needed this year due to the clerk taking off time this summer for sick leave.
6. Alderman Grim presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the salary increase of $1.00 per hour for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindi Wiersema during the summer months starting May 31, 2017 during the clerk's sick leave time. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes,

Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

7. Alderman Grim presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the expense for the Mayfest ad this year with the Mirror Democrat newspaper at a cost of $125.00 to the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. MAYFEST AD

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to pass Resolution No. R5-2017-1, A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present. RESOLUTION

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the placement of the public notice ad in the Mirror Democrat newspaper regarding weeds and grass property maintenance in the City of Mount Carroll. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. PUBLIC NOTICE AD

Under general audience, Mr. Len Anderson addressed the council and reported of the activities scheduled for the June 17th Civil War Monument Re-Dedication event. Ms. PJ Ladehoff-Mueller stated she and her husband would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting to talk about this summer's Music on the Square activity. Alderman Risko reported of the Arbor Day tree planting at the arboretum. The council heard a report about a building on Market Street that has been vacant for some time that has some broken windows. To assess this building's status as soon as possible. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, absent, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll city council approved these minutes at the May 23, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector