MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Wendy Lauter rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting.
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Joe Grim, present, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, absent, Mike Risko, absent
Alderman Paul Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski motioned and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2017. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling $710,035.82 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 11, 2017 streets committee meeting:

1. Mayor Bates gave update for Supt. Dauphin that sidewalk work continues and the employee mowing at the cemetery resigned and the new employee is to start on Monday, July 17, 2017.
2. Kevin Vandendooren was here to talk about Nicor Gas having to dig a hole in the flood plain to bore the gas pipe under the creek for the new bridge.
3. Kevin Vandendooren talked about interest in constructing ATV trails throughout the county. Kevin will email maps and other specifics to mayor and will have on agenda for the next meeting.
4. Reminder of Bridge Construction meeting being held July 12, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Rose reported of the July 11, 2017 police committee meeting:

1. Chief Cass handed out monthly reports for June 2017.
2. Chief Cass stated new squad is in Lena getting new equipment installed.
3. Chief Cass stated the state Statue states that municipalities need appropriate signage for golf cart and UTV usage. Chief will put together changes and present to council next meeting.
4. Chief Cass stated he would like to have all permits for golf carts and UTV's all expire at the same time. Alderman Grim stated he would like to see them expire September or October. We will discuss more next Police committee meeting.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the July 11, 2017 finance committee meeting:

1. Alderman Kaczmarski stated bills were reviewed with consensus to pay.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented to the finance committee an email from the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee requesting to reprint another batch of walking tour brochures. Alderman Grim stated he would the city to explore an app for smart phones for the walking tour and also consider getting other quotes. Decision was made to table the discussion till next meeting to investigate other options.

Under old business the council heard update from Mayor on the Miller Street property that next step still is the process for publication asking for bids and will get with Clerk Cuckler to discuss those specs.

Sharon Pepin updated she has submitted more pictures and a letter from inspector of Bushy Flats to IHPA and they have 21 days to review.

Alderman Grim motioned and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to authorize the mayor to send an email of approval to Nicor Gas allowing them to dig a 10x10 hole in the flood plain to bore the gas pipe under the creek. Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve raffle license for Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to reject both bids from the two bidding vendors for water meter and fire hydrant projects. One vendor did not meet the bidding requirements and the second vendors bid costs were higher than expected. United Meter Inc. Total bid plus alternates $589,055.00 and Mechanical Inc. Total bid plus alternates $547,800.00. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Elliott, yes, Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded the approval from the Planning Commission to grant the special use permit and variance application for Wendy Lauter @ 104 N. Carroll Street, to operate a guest house. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent, Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Sharon Pepin updated on the WWTP Project regarding the Interim financing that the interest rate is different than the originally projected rate. We need an Amendment for that Ordinance to reflect the new interest rate to be available next meeting. Sharon will contact city attorney Ron Coplan to request this amendment.

Will Mueller was present and stated Duck Pluck tickets will be available at the car cruise Saturday, July 15, 2017, and Thursday, July 14, 2017 weather permitting is music in the square.
Alderman Grim complimented staff, sponsors, and organizers for another successful walk/run again this year, also stating we had double the registrations.

Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the July 31, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City CLerk & Collector