

MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Phil Hartman 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 Jeff Elliott, present, Jim Rose, present, Joe Grim, absent, Kevin Powers, absent, Mike Risko, absent, Paul Kaczmarski, absent.

Mayor Bates stated due to the lack of quorum he rescheduled the Council meeting for July 31, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 31, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Maria Krull 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 Joe Grim, present, Risko, present, Rose, present, Kaczmarski, present, Powers, absent, Elliott, absent.

Alderman Jim Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Elliott, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$681,408.76 as of today.

Mayor Bates reported of the June 29, 2017 Historic Preservation Advisory committee meeting:

1. The new liaison from City Council is Jeff Elliott and will handle reading the minutes at the Council meetings.
2. New sign verbiage is needed for the Judge James Shaw house and they are evaluating the Caroline Mark Home sign.
3. Discussion of the Historic Walking Tour Brochures.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 31, 2017 streets committee meeting:

1. Alderman Grim stated a pump at the sewer plant has a hole in it and has to be replaced; it is not able to be repaired. Cost will be approximately \$2000.00.
2. Mayor spoke with Sharon Pepin of CPFs regarding the water meter bids, and she thinks this time we will possibly have 3 bids by the next date.
3. Mayor stated there are concerns in the plans for the bridge and Plant Operator Kloepping is helping to draw out water line direction.
4. Alderman Grim stated there is no known damage at the sewer plant from the recent storms and flooding down at the park.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the July 31, 2017 finance committee meeting:

1. Alderman Kaczmarski stated bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski stated Jo Carroll Energy needs to add a pole and meter down at the bridge. Mayor Bates will talk more with Jo Carroll Energy on this matter.

Under old business the council heard update from Mayor and Attorney Coplan 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. The State of Illinois received pictures of Bushy Flats and we are waiting on a decision from them. We will soon be advertising for demolition bids for Bushy Flats and opening of them by end of August.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee would like to have the minimum order of Walking Tour Pamphlets printed also adding QR codes to the signs that would link them to the HPAC website. Alderman Grim would like another quote from another printing company. Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Under new business Alderman Grim motioned and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a relocation agreement with Jo Carroll Energy on the moving of facilities. Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Powers, absent, Elliott, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

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

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded approve mayor to sign the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Elliott, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded the approval of the Amendment to Ordinance 2017-7-3 an Ordinance amending No. 2017-6-2 regarding the borrowing of funds to pay preliminary expenses of a waste water treatment plant project interest rate. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent, Elliott, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Discussion on the ATV Trail that is being proposed in the County with the consensus from the council to have a letter written that the city is not oppose to the concept of the trail but would like to do some more investigating.

Discussion with Denny Asay regarding health insurance, with councils consensus if it is a benefit to the city then we should make the change. Alderman Risko stated that if we do make the change then said change should be changed in the handbook.

Under general audience Len Anderson presented a K-9 donation from First Baptist Church. He also on behalf of himself and the car cruise members thanked the city crew on the wonderful job of repaving the Main Street parking lot.

During correspondence Mayor Bates the city received a letter from Willett Hofmann in response to his letter regarding material being used on the new Galena Street Bridge, and the water main replacement, letter from Willett Hofmann on the monthly bridge inspection report, thank you note from Jeb Kresge a resident of Foster Court to the city crew on their quick response to fixing a pot hole in that area, Moring Disposal monthly recycling report, letter from a concerned resident on a neighboring home that is in bad condition Attorney Coplan will contact Mr. Wolber for to perform an inspection, and letter requesting road closure for the Brick Street Saturday Events, and there were two FOIA's received last week, thank

you note from Olivia Charles for our support in helping send her to the spelling Bee it was a great experience for her, mentioned certification status for operator Kloepping.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Elliott, absent, Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the August 8, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector