MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Charlie Mason 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, Risko, present, Grim, present, Rose, present, Kaczmarski, present, Powers, absent.
Alderman Joe Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Karl Rafferty gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2017. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling $663,658.58 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the August 8, 2017 streets committee meeting:

1. Supt. Dauphin stated they have been working on storm sewers and sidewalks, a storm sewer collapsed at the bottom of State Street that they will be working on this week.
2. Supt. Dauphin stated they have dug 6 graves this passed month.
3. Supt. Dauphin stated they are currently working on downtown sidewalk repair.
4. Supt. Dauphin stated that Galena Street Bridge work started today, and the water line possibly will not need to be moved, more information will be know tomorrow.
5. Discussion of the right of way easement with Jo Carroll Energy was tabled until the council meeting.
6. Supt. Dauphin stated flooding caused approximately 3 days of wash out work at the park.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the August 8, 2017 finance committee meeting:

1. Alderman Kaczmarski stated bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the Finance Committee recommendation to approve up to 2 people to attend the Blackhawk Waterways CVB Annual Dinner and Social Bash.
3. Alderman Kaczmarksi stated that Alderman Risko stated he was called regarding a shed that is out of compliance and would like this added to the next council meeting.

Under old business the council heard update from Mayor 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 has granted approval of demolition of Bushy Flats, we will get written confirmation in 10-14 days. We will soon be advertising for demolition bids for Bushy Flats and opening of them by beginning of September.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee would like to order the minimum amount of walking tour brochures being 1000; they are planning to add QR codes to the signs and downtown buildings that will direct people to additional information. Len Anderson and Maria Krull stated their concern of the inaccuracy of the text and pictures on their individual businesses and would like to have that corrected

before running more brochures. Doug Bergren offered to get pricing on those changes and bring back to council the next scheduled council meeting.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the street closure for Brick Street Saturday Events closures will be, Market St. from corner of Main St & Market St., Main St. starting at Market St. up to Pleasant St., and the Northside of Market St. where the Farmers Market sets up, from 2:30a.m. to 8:30p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Alderman Elliott, yes, Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve 2018 Car Cruise schedule, insurance coverage, and music for the dates of June 23, July 21, August 18, and September 22, 2018. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under new business Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve mayor to sign the right of way easement from Jo Carroll Energy. Mayor spoke Attorney Coplan and he is ok with this easement. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve up to 2 people @$25 each to attend the Blackhawk Waterways CVB Annual Dinner and Social Bash August 27, 2017. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve new service for Galena Street Bridge @ a cost of $600 to Jo Carroll Energy. Roll Call Vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Kim Mathena from the First Baptist Church was here to state the parsonage is not salvageable and they want to proceed with the demolition however Zoning officer Tom Sorg refuses to sign the permit, HPAC signed and the process now goes to Jim Lundgren the other Zoning Officer and if he signs then it will be put on the agenda for next meeting and go before council for their approval for the mayor to sign.

Under general audience Len Anderson presented his concern of a couple buildings in town.

Resident from College Street was in to state her concern to the parking issue on College Street.

During correspondence Mayor Bates the city received a copy of Public Water Supply Construction Permit for the Galena Street Bridge from the IEPA, a letter from the IEPA regarding the FY2018 Funding availability, letter from FEMA regarding Flood Insurance, Invitation from Farm to Fork Sunday, August 27, 2017 @ 4p.m. @ Livengood's Barn in Chadwick, IML Conference September 21-23 in Chicago the mayor might attend this, and the National Trust for Historical Preservation conference November 14-17 Chicago.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the August 22, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector