

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Cheryl Cole 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 Mike Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Donna gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular meeting with amendment of roll call listing. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Risko 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 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$714,413.04 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the August 22, 2017 Water & Sewer committee meeting:

1. Operator Kloeping stated lift station backed up and it backs up through the manhole into a resident's yard. They are going to replace manhole casting with a water tight cover. Alderman Grim stated the Center Street lift station pumps need to be replaced, Operator Kloeping stated the lift station has 2 pumps, 1 is down and the other is in bad shape and only running at 50% capacity. To rebuild is \$7,074.26 and to purchase new is \$9,819.50. The new pumps will be compatible with the WWTP upgrade.
2. Steve Haring was here to give an update on the WWTP
3. Alderman Grim stated that the sewer lining, water meters, and hydrants on hold waiting on update.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the August 22, 2017 finance committee meeting:

1. Alderman Kaczmarski stated bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the purchase of 2 new pumps for the Center Street lift station at a cost of \$9,819.50 each. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, Absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmarski stated that the Mt. Carroll Community Foundation Committee donated \$700.00 for the Sesquicentennial Civil War Encampment.

Under old business the council heard update from Attorney Coplan stated that Bushy Flats and Miller Street properties instruction to bidders was provided to Treasurer Wiersema, and also Sharon Pepin. The bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. September 7, 2017.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to have 1000 walking tour brochures printed with a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Attorney Coplan stated that Mike Wolber will be here Monday, August 28, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m. to inspect properties of concern. Attorney Coplan would like the on duty police officer to accompany them.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to table any action on the Armella Kneale Mural of Carroll County be displayed at Bridgewater Inn (old Hotel Glenview) to further investigate insurance coverage of the mural as city property. Alderman Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under new business Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the street solicitation by the Knights of Columbus on September 16, 2017 Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve mayor to sign the demolition permit for the demolition of the Baptist Church Parsonage. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve Clerk Cuckler to attend the 2017 Revolving Loan Fund Conference September 7, 2017 in Springfield. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Discussion on the loading and delivery issue on College Street continued with neighbor Candace Ball stating she is opposed to having no parking zone 5 days a week all day in front of her residence. Lyle Eaton another neighbor also is opposed to this. Attorney Coplan stated that normally public right of ways are not normally given up. Mayor Bates stated that the city has been asked previously by other businesses and have turned down their requests. Candace suggested removing city parkways to give the trucks an extra 3 to 4 feet more space. Alderman Grim stated to table this and have the Street Supt. Eric Dauphin investigate and suggest a solution to try before making any finals decisions on the request.

Discussion to review and consider the zoning complaint for a property located on East Lincoln Street, Attorney Coplan states he is ok with giving both parties a copy of his recommendation letter. Mayor Bates states the consensus of the council is if there is an issue with the shed and it needs to be altered or changed then the city would require it to be within the specified boundaries but no action is to be taken at this time. Cheryl Cole complainant and neighbor asked could this be tabled until there was a full council and Mayor Bates stated one vote shouldn't make a difference in this case. Cheryl Cole stated her attorney told her the city made the mistake so they should resolve it by having him move the shed and Attorney Coplan stated he would be happy to talk to her attorney if he were to call him.

Under general audience Len Anderson stated 120 cars were present at the August 19, 2017 Car Cruise.

During correspondence Mayor Bates the city received a letter from the IEPA regarding funding for the Water Pollution Control, a letter from IDOT regarding the Labor Day Holiday, a pamphlet from Nicor Gas

on their infrastructure modernization update, receive and informational sheet from Illinois Realtors regarding building and zoning codes, a letter from Map Amendment from FEMA regarding a change in determination of a property in a flood zone.

The city also received a letter from IDOT regarding comprehensive liability insurance when closing a state highway while having parades or local celebrations that we will need to check into this insurance.

Mayor stated a reminder of the Brick Street Saturday Street closures, and the Homecoming Street Dance September 1, 2017 street closure will be from Main St. to Carroll St. on Market St. from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mayor stated Monthly Recycling Statistics from Moring Disposal show 29,940 pounds recycled in July.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the September 12, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector