

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Bergren 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, present, ROLL CALL  
Jim Rose, absent, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John McConnel gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the September 12, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Mayor Bates, yes,  
Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, absent, Powers, absent, and Risko, absent.  
Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2017 as presented by the  
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Mayor Bates, yes,  
Risko, absent, Rose, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was  
carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$830,512.53 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 25<sup>th</sup> recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES RECREATION BOARD  
1. The recreation board discussed the pool manager's annual report, the flooring work to be completed,  
development of a marketing plan, staff for next year, an upcoming lifeguard class in the area, the storage  
of the pool cover, a new season for the skating rink, and scheduled the next meeting for October 16<sup>th</sup> at  
the pool if weather permits.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 26<sup>th</sup> license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE  
committee meeting:

1. Alderman Grim reported of the amendments proposed to the NON-HIGHWAY  
ordinance authorizing the usage of golf carts and non-highway vehicles VEHICLES  
on City streets. There were a couple of typographical updates and some suggestions from the Chief of  
Police. To summarize, the chief wanted added that the decal or sticker issued to the vehicle owner was  
to either be displayed on the vehicle or to be able to be produced on demand; that there would be a set  
annual expiration date on the last day of June; to change up the description of the orange/red flag that  
would be required to be mounted on the vehicle under the equipment section; and a clause stating that  
the Chief of Police or his or her designee retains the right of refusal regarding the issuance of any  
permit to any vehicle for any reason. Consensus to have this information forwarded to the city attorney.  
Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to have the proposed amendments to the  
golf cart and non-highway usage ordinance presented to the city attorney to draft the required ordinance  
for council approval. Roll call vote: Mayor Bates, yes, Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski,  
yes, Risko, absent, Powers, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion  
was carried.

2. The committee discussed the Carroll County Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations and the City's  
participation. Alderman Grim presented the license and ordinance committee recommendation to  
approve to send a letter of support to the County and the determination of the City roadways (for these

vehicles use) to be set at a later date. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Mayor Bates, yes, Alderman Rose, Risko, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 26<sup>th</sup> water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. The crew was working with the bridge construction contractors on the water line re-routing. There have been some water pressure and usage issues all along the area by the bridge and up into the northwest section of town.
2. Alderman Grim reported that a new sign was ordered and installed at the front of Point Rock Park. The sign was done by Compliance Signs of Chadwick, IL at a cost of \$112.00. The city crew installed the sign today.
3. Discussed the IEPA evaluation report of the agency’s field inspection INSPECTION REPORT on September 6<sup>th</sup> to determine if the City’s water supply meets the requirements of the Illinois Pollution Control Board’s public water supply rules, regulations and related standards. The following deficiency was presented: CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SURVEY

“A cross-connection control survey is required to be performed every two years. The purpose of the survey is to identify improper plumbing arrangements that may allow contamination of the water supply through backflow or backsiphonage conditions, and to require those improper plumbing arrangements to be eliminated. The required biennial cross-connection control survey may be performed by the District’s staff or by a service provider. Records from the biennial survey must be kept on file for ten years. Sample cross-connection control survey forms for residential were given to the operator during the inspection. An electronic copy of the sample survey can be e-mailed to your staff on request. Sample cross-connection control survey forms are also available from the Illinois Rural Water Association website at: [www.ILRWA.org](http://www.ILRWA.org). Questions pertaining to the basic content of a Cross-connections control program may be directed to Laurie Moyer at this office. (The Act, Section 18; and 35 IAC 607.104 and part 653, Subpart H).”

Also noted in the letter was: “A written reply listing a specific date to correct each deficiency is required within 45 days.”

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the September 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to TREASURER’S SEMINAR approve the registration fee and traveling expenses for Deputy clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Wiersema to attend the Treasurer’s Seminar in Bloomington, IL on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kacamarski, yes, Mayor Bates, yes, Alderman Elliott, yes, and Aldermen Rose, Risko and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to BLACKHAWK HILLS approve the \$20 per person registration fee for up to two city FALL SUMMIT officials to attend the October 27<sup>th</sup> Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Fall Summit at the Mount Carroll Timber Lake Playhouse. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Mayor Bates, yes, Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, and Aldermen Risko, Powers, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 3 absent. The motion was carried.
4. The finance committee discussed the costs of the blacktopping for South Jackson Street and the Downtown parking lot. That total was \$23,247.92. Consider reimbursing the general fund from

the BDD fund. No action was presented.

- 5. Noted the boy scouts had completed the repairs to the lighted star that was located in the Cemetery and was up and operational.

OLD BUSINESS

Under old business Mayor Bates reported of the status of the vacant and abandoned property projects. Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with a couple of individuals about the surplus property located at 602 South Miller Street, but he did not have anything to report yet. MILLER ST PROPERTY  
 Regarding the row house building in the 200 block of MARKET ST PROPERTIES  
 East Market Street (Bushy Flats), Mayor Bates reported that there was another asbestos inspector that one of the local contractors was aware of and was going to ask him to contact the city attorney about conducting this inspection. No further information about this matter was presented.

Regarding the status of update on insurance coverage information on the MURAL GIFT  
 Armella Kneale mural (to be considered for placement at the Bridgewater Inn business), Mayor Bates reported he was still seeking some appraisal information.

Mayor Bates reported he had talked with Mr. Bickelhaupt, Country EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
 Financial, about the City's employee health insurance coverage. He stated INSURANCE  
 there were no upcoming regulation changes before the City's renewal period (May 1<sup>st</sup>).

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE  
 raffle license to the Mount Carroll Friends of the Library. Roll call vote: Mayor Bates, yes, Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Rose, Risko, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE  
 raffle licnese to the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, here, Kaczmarski, yes, Mayor Bates, yes, and Aldermen Risko, Rose, and Powers, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 1 present, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss TOWER OCCUPANCY  
 the Tower Occupancy Agreement with Jo Carroll Energy, Inc. AGREEMENT  
 Mayor Bates reported that this new agreement would replace the one from eight years ago with Jo Carroll Energy in which they would be placing more equipment on the water tower and several other sites in town to provide open access and prepaid WiFi hotspots in lieu of the monthly rent (\$450.00). In discussion there was some question about the number of locations stated in the agreement, all wanted to read over the document more thoroughly, and the mayor said he had not gotten an opinion from the city attorney yet about the agreement. The consensus of the council members in attendance was to table this matter to the next meeting.

Under general audience, Mr. Doug Bergren addressed the GENERAL AUDIENCE  
 Council to report that the new historic walking tour brochures were done.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates noted the following: CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. The thank you letter from the Land of Oz business owners, Richard and Carol Frey.
- 2. The latest Galens Street bridge inspection report from Willett & Hofmann & Associates.
- 3. Moring Disposal, Inc. report of recycling statistics for August 2017, 35,340 lbs.

