

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jim Bower 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 Kaczmariski, present, ROLL CALL  
Jim Rose, absent, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,  
present.  
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Vince Wilczyski of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the September 26, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen  
Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0  
noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2017 as presented by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, absent,  
and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$754,480.31 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the October 10<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
STREETS  
1. Discussed the ongoing projects to complete the sidewalk and gutter repair work and fall clean  
up and prep for the winter.  
2. Discussed the preparation and set up of the skating rink for SKATING RINK  
this upcoming winter season. Alderman Grim reported there were some repairs needed on  
the lighting for the bigger ball diamond located the closest to the creek. This ball diamond is  
the only one that can be utilized the best for the rink in order to get the water from the creek.  
Consensus of the committee to ask Superintendent Dauphin to contact Herrell Electric for an  
estimate of costs to repair the lights.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the October 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee FINANCE  
meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER  
recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$9,000 from the City TIF Fund to the City  
General Fund for the expense of the new police squad car. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes,  
Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes,  
and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER  
recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$12,000 from the City Capital Savings  
account to the City General Fund checking account for the expense of the new police squad car.  
Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Rose, absent, and  
Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee IML HANDBOOK  
recommendation to approve the purchase of the new 2018 edition of the Illinois Municipal  
League Handbook for the city hall office at the cost of \$45.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen

Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

5. The committee discussed the employee handbook and salaries. To have comments and suggestions for the next council meeting.
6. Alderman Risko stated it was time to consider seeking bids for the garbage pick up service. He noted he would be scheduling a committee meeting to start this process.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Under old business Mayor Bates reported of the status of the vacant and abandoned property projects. Mayor Bates reported there were two proposals submitted for the purchase MILLER ST PROPERTY of the surplus property located at 602 S. Miller Street.

From James and Marleen Bower, E. Ridge Street, Mount Carroll:

“In regards to the property the city has taken ownership of on Miller Street. We would like to place a bid of Five Hundred Dollars. We will attend the next city council meeting to discuss any other further details needed. Thank you for your consideration.”

From New Look Construction, Jim Lundgren, S. Jackson Street, Mount Carroll, IL

“This is an offer for the property located at 602 S. Miller Street., Mt. Carroll. (Formerly the Cantu residence) My plan would be to first clean up the property consisting of landscape clearing and demolition of the old garage. Later begin to remodel the house to get it in a livable condition again to then be rented or sold. My offer is \$1,500.00, One thousand five hundred dollars.”

In discussion the council members present voiced their concern about having a timeline specific for the property to be cleaned up and a plan for the residence structure. Jim and Marleen Bower were in attendance and stated that they are directly west of this property and would schedule to clear all of the brush and debris around the outside as soon as possible. They would secure the house, but would not know until early spring whether they would want to demolish the house or remodel it. Mayor Bates stated that he would contact Mr. Lundgren about a timeline for his plan for the property, and stated he was certain that the clear title to the property would not be released until the council was satisfied the property had been clear of all of the violations. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to table this matter regarding the Miller Street property. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Regarding the row house building in the 200 block of

#### MARKET ST PROPERTIES

East Market Street (Bushy Flats), Mayor Bates reported that there had been an asbestos inspection, but there was no report yet.

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 the city attorney was reviewing this final draft of the agreement. The council members present discussed what the costs were for the proposed hot spot wi-fi connection locations to be set up and the relative costs in comparison to the rental income received now (\$450.00 per month). Mayor Bates also noted there were some other marketing advantages by having the proposed hot spot connections. No action was taken at this meeting. Mayor Bates stated he would have this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Diane Bausman, chair for the Mount Carroll Chamber of

#### PUMPKIN FEST

Commerce Pumpkin Fest event scheduled for October 28th was in attendance to address the council about the activities and request certain street closures. For the morning costume parade a portion of North Main Street would be closed, for the pumpkin bowling event in front of the Mount Carroll

Bowling Center that area in front of the business on North Main Street would be closed, and for the pumpkin street drags Market Street from the corner of Carroll to Galena Street with Carroll Street and Mill Street being closed at the Rapp Street corner to stop traffic from coming to Market Street. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the street closures as submitted and the city would provide the barricades, cones and other related city services for this event. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Rose, absent, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Will and PJ Mueller, Mount Carroll Chamber, were in attendance HALLOWEEN PARADE to address the council about the October 31<sup>st</sup> street closure for the Halloween parade activity. The downtown Market and Main Streets would be closed to the Community House starting at 5:15 p.m. The West Carroll School band would be marching with the parade participants this year to the Community House, hot dog sandwiches and treats to be provided, and trick or treating hours were from 6-8 p.m. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the street closure for the Halloween parade on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Powers, absent, and rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2017-10-4, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2017-10-4 USAGE OF GOLF CARTS AND NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, absent, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Ordinance No. 2017-10-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members in attendance.

Under general audience, Ms. PJ Ladehoff-Mueller, CDC, commented GENERAL AUDIENCE that a couple of questions came up at their recent CDC meeting about potential developers looking at areas located in the south end of town. How is it determined what the water and sewer installation costs are to these potential development sites. Mayor Bates noted that some costs had been reviewed at one time. If the water and sewer department could not determine these costs the engineers would need to be contacted for assistance. More information about the exact location(s) would be needed. Will Mueller, Mt. Carroll Chamber, also mentioned the request from Sand Prairie to have Mount Carroll residents fill out a survey to see how much interest there would be in connecting to a fiber internet network in town once this was developed. The communities expressing the most interest would see the installation sooner. Alderman Risko reported of a new event at the Timber Lake Playhouse this fall

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates noted the following: CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Chamber Newsletter
2. Letter from Medicom Communications Corporation regarding cable tv channel changes.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 24, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector