

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 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 Kaczmariski, present, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, absent, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the October 10, 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 Risko 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 \$816,866.82 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the October 24th solid waste committee COMMITTEES
meeting: SOLID WASTE

1. Alderman Risko presented the solid waste committee ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
recommendation to advertise for bids for two weeks for the City's residential solid waste and
recycling pick up. 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.
2. The committee reviewed the past Request for Proposal (RFP) document from 5 years ago and
changed the term of the contract from 3 years to 5 years and the average number of households
from 730 to 710.
3. Mr. Larry Moring and Mr. Denny Pate were in attendance from Moring Disposal, Inc. the City's
current vendor for the solid waste and recycling materials pick up service. Mr. Moring stated he
appreciates the City's business and would have liked to negotiate a contract renewal over the
bidding process. The committee members present expressed the obligation to the community to
seek competitive bids for services, and noted they would also take into consideration the past
service when reviewing the bids.

Alderman Grim reported of the October 24th water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER
meeting:

1. Operator Greg Kloeping reported that the new pumps were LIFT STATION
installed in the sewer lift station. There should be a noticeable change in the energy costs
and improved service in the area.
2. The relocation of the water line under the Galena Street Bridge WATER LINE PROJECT
has been completed. Operator Kloeping reported of the water main issues in the area of this
project that are not consistent with the size needed to provide the best water pressure in the north
end of town. Something to keep in mind for future planning projects.
3. Doing the fall season preparations for the winter.

4. Discussion of the Cross-Connection Control survey. The consensus of the committee was to have this sent out to the residents as soon as possible.
5. Discussion of the maintenance supply inventory for the water and sewer department. The committee members in attendance approve the purchase of the materials needed as provided in the annual budget.
6. Alderman Kaczmariski and Operator Kloepping reported that the reel at the City pool would be moved to the West Carroll School garage on Friday, October 27th.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the October 24th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski reported there were no changes presented to the employee handbook for this year. Discussed having the department heads make sure to complete employee performance evaluations for the files this year, and a reminder to have these done each year. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve a 2% salary increase to the employee salaries for this next year to start November 1st. 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. SALARY INCREASES
4. Tabled any action of the Electric Pump bill for the sewer lift station pumps. (Cost \$21,687.02)
5. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the action to make application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to restructure the City's IEPA SRF Loan for the Water Improvements Project (completed in 2009). 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. The motion was carried. IEPA LOAN

OLD BUSINESS

Under old business Mayor Bates reported of the status of the vacant and abandoned property projects. Mr. Jim Lundgren, New Look Construction was in attendance to discuss the MILLER ST PROPERTY sale of the surplus property located at 602 S. Miller Street. Mayor Bates reported that Mr. Lundgren's bid for \$1,500 was the higher of the two bids received for this purchase. Mr. Lundgren spoke to the council about his plans to clean up the outside of the property as soon as possible and secure the house until spring when he could start to clean it out and develop a plan for its remodel. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve to sell the property to Jim Lundgren at the bid price of \$1,500.00 to be held in escrow for 6 months in order for the council to evaluate the clean up of the property. 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.

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 site inspection done by Jeremy Bonacquisti of Ironwood Environmental, Inc. of Belvidere, IL. The total cost of the inspection, lab work and report would be \$2,300.00. He made an offer to reduce the fee if the City would allow him salvage rites to the structure. Mayor Bates stated he and the city attorney felt that would not be appropriate as that was supposed to be a part of the demolition. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to waive the bidding process and hire Ironwork Environmental, Inc. at the cost not to exceed \$2,300.00 to complete the inspection work and report of the asbestos found in Market Street properties. 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.

In discussion about the Kneale mural Clerk Cuckler and Mr. Len Anderson, a local antique dealer, have determined that the mural's value was about \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00. This information would be presented to the insurance company. Mayor Bates reported that the Mount Carroll Library Board has just yesterday sent a letter requesting the City to consider placing the mural at the library building. He stated he felt it was decided that the mural was approved to go to the Bridgewater Inn building (formerly the Hotel Glenview). No objections were presented by the council members in attendance. The council members in attendance approved asking the Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin to work with a local vendor and the owners of the Bridgewater Inn to secure a protective frame and set up the relocation to that building before the community's Christmas Walk Event.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was to discuss TOWER OCCUPANCY the Tower Occupancy Agreement with Jo Carroll Energy, Inc. Mr. Dan Marcure, Sand Prairie Wireless of Jo-Carroll Energy, was in attendance and addressed the council about the proposed agreement. The equipment installation to provide up to about six internet hot spot areas in the community would be \$5,400.00. They would do all of the installation and it would be about five years for them to break even with these costs. They would maintain everything and would continue a \$100.00 monthly rental fee to be paid to the City. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the new Tower Occupancy Agreement with Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Powers, absent, Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim read the Resolution in Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations to recognize the 200th anniversary of the admission of Illinois to the Union as a state. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Illinois Celebrations. 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.

Mayor Bates reported of the upcoming emergency training planned for October 28, 2017 to be conducted at the Carroll County Good Samaritan Center in Mount Carroll.

Under general audience, Mr. Dan Marcure of Sand Prairie Wireless reported of the survey they were conducting to determine interest in iFiber internet service. Mr. Len Anderson, Ideas and Designs business, reported his business had record sales this last quarter. Mayor Bates stated he would be meeting with Sharon Pepin, CFPS, to discuss the information needed to close out the Revolving Loan Fund. Would have more information for the council at the next meeting.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates noted the following:
1. Moring Disposal, Inc. report of 28,120 lbs. of recycling materials picked up in the month of September.

Mayor Bates reported that the engineers with MSA Professional Services were requesting a 30% design review meeting with the water & sewer committee. The meeting was scheduled for November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the sewer plant office.

Clerk Cuckler reported the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association commercial

insurance renewal invoice was just received. This will be on the agenda for the next council meeting for the accounts payable.

Alderman Grim reported that he had consulted with Tony Herrell about the lighting at Point Rock Park. The electric for the inside of the building was adequate, but the lights on the poles for the ball field would need substantial work. He asked Mr. Herrell to get the City a proposal of what is needed.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT
the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 14, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector