

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Brinkmeier 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

Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, Joe Grim, present, Jim Rose, absent, and Kevin Powers, absent.

Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 2017 as presented by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, 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 \$795,602.52 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 28th cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES CEMETERY

- 1. Alderman Risko reported that there was a damaged veteran's DAMAGED STONE marker which has been assessed and would need to be replaced. Cost estimated at \$800.00. The recommendation from the cemetery board was to replace the marker. After discussion, Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the replacement of the VA marker damaged at the City cemetery at the estimated cost of \$800.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the November 28th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

- 1. Discussion about the department's very old S-10 pick up truck. It's PICK UP TRUCK condition is deteriorating severely and not worth the repairs needed any longer. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve the purchase of a used truck for the water and sewer department at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00 and payment to come from the capital savings account that the department would pay back in the next fiscal year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
- 2. Discussed the projects at the sewer plant that were ongoing.
- 3. Discussed the Sewer Lining Project.

- 4. The Carroll County Good Samaritan Center administrator was WATER PRESSURE in attendance and addressed the committee about a couple of issues.ISSUES She expressed their appreciation to all of the community's emergency responders that were able to attend the mock evacuation training drill that was held at the nursing home facility a couple of weekends ago. She also reported that during that event it was more apparent about the water pressure issues they had been noticing for a number of years. She expressed her concern whether

this could be considered a safety issue for them. The consensus of the committee was to contact the city consulting engineers about the matter and explore how to deal with the water pressure issues in this area of town.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 28th solid waste committee meeting:

SOLID WASTE
BIDS OPEN

1. Bids were opened for disposal of residential solid waste and recycling materials. Proposals: Moring Disposal, Inc., Forreston, IL
Price range for weekly loose curbside pick up service or toter serviced pick up options were \$11.86 to \$12.86 per household per month. All monthly rates subject to a 2.5% annual escalator starting in year 2 of the contract. For yard waste pick up there were per bag prepaid \$3.00 stickers or a subscription service that the resident could individually contract for with Moring Republic Services, Clinton, IA
Republic would provide each household with up to a 95 gallon trash and recycling cart. Trash service is weekly, recycling service would be every other week. Residents may elect to utilize their existing containers or bags provided they are less than 35 gallons. This will not result in a change of rate.
Trash/recycling rate at \$13.30 per home per month
Yard waste tags will be made available for \$4.00 per tag. Residents also will have the option to subscribe to an annual yard waste subscription. Paid directly to Republic Services for \$110.00 per year. The subscription would include a 96 gallon can for the yard waste.
All rates are subject to a 3% yearly rate increase.
Alderman Risko presented the solid waste committee recommendation to go with the Moring Disposal, Inc. proposal at the \$12.12 per household per month rate and possible negotiation to consider the toter pick up service for solid waste and recycling materials. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the November 28th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Information provided of a quote from Herrell Electric to repair the infield PARK lighting for this winter's use at the ball diamond for the ice rink area. Costs came to \$1,200.00. Alderman Grim and Elliott reported that the Mount Carroll Lions Club were indicating some financial support towards this project. Consensus to move forward at the park on this matter and would report back about the status.
3. The finance committee discussed the annual garbage fund receipts and considered how that would need to be reviewed with the use of the toters for the weekly pick up for the City.

OLD BUSINESS

Under old business Mayor Bates reported of the status of the vacant and abandoned property projects. Regarding the row house building in the 200 block of MARKET ST PROPERTIES East Market Street (Bushy Flats), Mayor Bates reported that there were two proposals submitted from local contractors for the demolition of the properties. Kleckner Excavating, Matthew Kleckner, Stockton, IL, Lump Sum Price: \$39,500; Colgan Excavating, LLC, Savanna, IL, Lump Sum Price: \$47,300. Mayor Bates reported that the proposal, Surety Bond and insurance documents were in order and submitted by each bidder. After discussion, Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to hire Kleckner Excavating of Stockton, IL at the lump sum price of \$39,500.00 to complete the demolition of the row house building at 207, 209, 211, 213, 215 and 217 East Market Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kleckner was in attendance and thanked the council for this project. Mayor Bates stated to Mr. Kleckner that the City had contracted with Ironwood Environmental regarding the asbestos abatement. Mr. Kleckner noted that he had worked with this company in the past.

Mayor Bates reported that there were a couple of buildings from the five properties that Mr. Mike Wolber inspected from the outside that he would like to enter and inspect inside. One of those was the Boyd property at 207 W. Market Street. Mayor Bates asked the council to review the summary report provided to date on the properties.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the Campbell CAMPBELL CENTER Center status update. Mayor Bates reported he had met with Mr. Russ Simpson of the board from the Campbell Center and some financial information was presented to him which he shared with each of the city council members. There was no other discussion about this matter.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the VARIANCE APPLICATION application for a variance submitted by Mr. Josh Sisler, Sisler Construction, 1011 S. Clay Street, Mount Carroll, IL. The petitioner is seeking to waive the boundary setback requirements in order to complete construction of an addition along the east side of the building. Mayor Bates noted that there was no one in attendance representing Sisler Construction for this meeting. Mayor Bates reported that the survey and lot markers clearly present that the addition is on their property and the parcel is very oddly shaped. Zoning Officer Tom Sorg was in attendance and reported that the petitioners did reduce the size of the addition and comply. He stated he did see any problems with this request and recommend approval. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the variance application as submitted by Sisler Construction. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated the next item on the agenda was to consider whether CIVIL WAR REENACTORS to make arrangements with the Battery G light artillery Civil War Reenactors organization to set up in Mount Carroll again for a weekend in 2018. Mayor Bates and Alderman Grim stated that the costs were about \$1,700.00 for the expenses of the event. Mr. Will Mueller of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and stated that the chamber could handle the organization and marketing of the event. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve the expense to make arrangements to book a weekend event in 2018 with the Civil War Reenactors organization. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. To consider a weekend in September if that would be possible.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to schedule IL BICENTENNIAL FLAG RAISING EVENT on December 4, 2017 at 12:00 noon at the City Hall. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yesees, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, Ms. Maria Krull reported that the Mel Kneal mural painting was in place at the Bridgewater Inn of the Hotel Glenview. Will and PJ Mueller of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce reported of the Christmas Walk events for this upcoming weekend.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarek, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 12, 2017 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector