

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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  
Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, Joe Grim, present, Jim Rose, absent and Kevin Powers, absent.  
Alderman Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the January 9, 2018 public hearing and regular meeting and January 12, 2018 reconvened  
meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes,  
Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2018 as presented by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers and  
Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$809,621.66 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> water & sewer committee COMMITTEES  
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Discussed the current projects this week and noted the recent water leak.
2. Reported the staff were working with MSA to review the water pressure issues in the northwest part of town.
3. Discussed the new water meter and hydrant replacement projects. NOTICE TO AWARD  
Mr. Dan Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported that the IEPA had approved the loan for  
these two projects at the 1% loan repayment rate and under the 45% principal loan forgiveness  
program. He stated the next step was to handle the Notice to award to the contractors.

Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve the  
Notice to Award for Contract A with Core and Main, LP in the amount of \$179,510 for the new  
water meters, related equipment and training. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes,  
Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The  
motion was carried.

Alderman Grim presented the water & sewer committee recommendation to approve the  
Notice to award for Contract B with Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$172, 500 to install the  
new water meters. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko,  
yes, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to authorize LOAN AGREEMENT  
the mayor to sign the loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the  
Drinking Water Project: L175434, regarding the new water meters and fire hydrant replacement  
project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers  
and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

4. Alderman Grim reported of the correspondence from Nick Wagner, PROJECTS UPDATE  
MSA Professional Services. The soil borings for the WWTF area were scheduled for January  
25-30. They had some hydrant flow testing equipment that they would be bringing to Mount

Carroll to test the flow and pressure at those hydrants near the Good Samaritan Center. When weather permitted that would be scheduled with Water and Sewer Operator Greg Kloeping. Mr. Wagner provided an estimate of cost to conduct a maintenance review of the pressure relief valves (PRV's) by the supplier of the ones that the City has. These valves all service this northwest area of town. This also would be an important part of the investigation into the flows and pressures at the area near the Good Samaritan Center.

Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee PRV MAINTENANCE recommendation to approve authorizing MSA Professional Services to secure a certified representative to conduct a maintenance review of the City's PRV's within the water system at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

5. The bids were opened for the sale of the 1998 Chevrolet S-10 TRUCK BIDS pick up truck: Christina Jacobs - \$167.00; Bob Irons - \$310.00; Bill Zink - \$151.00. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to table this matter. Roll call vote: Aldermen Ricko, no, Grim, no, Kaczmarski, no, Elliott, no, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 0 yeases, 4 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was lost. Mayor Bates asked what action was to be taken on this matter. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the bid from Mr. Bob Irons in the amount of \$310.00 for the sale of the S-10 pick up truck. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates and Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> LICENSE & ORDINANCE license & ordinance committee meeting:

1. The committee reviewed the draft ordinance to amend the garbage ORDINANCE service rates. Changing the monthly residential user rate from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and eliminating the charge by the City for a pre-paid tag which was to be affixed to the plastic garbage bags to be placed for collection. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the license and ordinance committee recommendation to present this ordinance for approval by the council at the next regular council meeting on February 13, 2018. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski and Alderman Risko reported of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> FINANCE finance committee meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed by Alderman Risko and approved by the committee.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee TIF DISBURSEMENTS recommendation to approve the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Fund disbursements, as presented, in the amount of \$71,400.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. (Disbursements as follows: Mt. Carroll Banking Center/State Bank of Pearl City - \$7,145.00; Mt. Carroll Bowling Center/Pins 4 Cruisin - \$1,375.00; Schneider House Furniture - \$1,000.00; Mount Carroll Café - \$1,000.00; 110 West Market Street, LLC - \$2,500.00; Ryan Handel/Elite Mobile Concepts - \$840.00; Kunes' Country Auto Group - \$1,500.00; Christina Jacobs/Tina's Ice Cream and Riverview Antiques - \$2,084.00; Mt. Carroll CDC/Kraft Building Project Loan - \$13,900.00 (Transferred to the City BDD Fund); Transferred to the City General Fund for legal expenses and dues to the IL TIF Association - \$3,500.00; Transferred to the City Debt Service Fund for the Water Improvements Project - \$36,556.00)
3. The finance committee members in attendance agreed to defer any action regarding the Kunes'

- Country Auto Group, Inc. Redevelopment Agreement to the next regular meeting,
4. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$8,000.00 from the City General Capital Savings Account to the City Sewer Fund, and to be classified as a loan. 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.

At 7:10 p.m. during the finance committee meeting the finance committee went into executive session to consider the following two agenda items:

- A. To consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body
- B. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or Dismissal of specific employees

The finance committee meeting was called back into open session at 7:22 p.m. by Chairman Paul Kaczmariski.

With consensus from the finance committee members in attendance, PURCHASE AGREEMENT Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the purchase agreement with Bob Law and Ginger Law for the purchase of certain real property (located along South Mill Street) at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00. 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.

With consensus from the finance committee members in attendance, WILLIAM D. ZINK Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to hire William D. Zink to the position of Water and Sewer Superintendent, at pay grade 15 at \$21.12 per hour, with the start date on February 12, 2018. 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.

OLD BUSINESS  
MARKET ST PROPERTIES

Regarding the row house building in the 200 block of East Market Street (Bushy Flats), Mayor Bates reported that the demolition was completed except for the spring fill and landscaping. A portion of the payment would be held out to Mr. Kleckner until all was completed. The next step was to get everything on record and in place to secure the land. The city attorney was working on putting that all together.

Mayor Bates reported that the Illinois DCEO office has scheduled REVOLVING LOAN FUND meetings throughout the state to discuss the next steps to close out the revolving loan fund and the City's RLF program. The one closest to Mount Carroll will be in Streator, IL on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Grim reported the loaner ice skates to use at the park were now ICE SKATING available in the city hall and someone would be moving them to the Kraft building. He reported he had met with the boy scouts and they had an interest in helping with a skating activity or two. He stated he thought if this worked out for the scouts to help that maybe the city would contribute some funds to be determined. Alderman Elliott reported that the Mount Carroll Lions Club was also considering a skating activity at the park. The council members present voiced their approval to go ahead with either or both organizations.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO. Resolution No. R1-2018-2, A Resolution of the City of Mount Carroll, R1-2018-2 Carroll County, Illinois, Approving the Appropriation of Funds From the City's Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Payment of Public Infrastructure Expenditures. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to **SESQUICENTENNIAL BANNERS** approve the sale of surplus inventory of the Sesquicentennial Banners remaining after maintaining one for the City and one for each of the Sesquicentennial Committee members. Cost set at \$25.00 each. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers and Rose, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson asked to have one of **GENERAL AUDIENCE** the banners set aside for him. He would like to display it in his business.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence:

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Information about the Jo Daviess and Carroll County Student Job Fair in Elizabeth, IL on March 14, 2018
2. Notice of the Mount Carroll Aquatic-Recreation Center Committee meeting scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall
3. IML Statehouse House breifing
4. Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce newsletter
5. Letter from Blue sky Tower Partners, LLC regarding wireless infrastructure on City's water tower site
6. Moring Disposal's report for December 2017 recyclables collected, 29,840 pounds

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn **ADJOURNMENT** the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Rose and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 13, 2018 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector