

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jeff Davis 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, and Kevin Powers, absent.
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Will Mueller gave the invocation.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the February 27, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2018 as presented by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Powers,
absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$610,114.29 as of today.

Alderman Risko reported of the March 13th cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES
CEMETERY
1. Discussion of grounds maintenance and grave stone cleaning.
2. Budget review. Total of revenues \$18,600 and total of expenses \$25,350. The cemetery board
members voiced their approval of the proposed budget and recommend the same to the city
council.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 13th streets committee meeting: STREETS
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported they were working at the park on flood and spring clean up.
2. Noted that there were more snow events this last winter. The amount of salt needed this year met
the minimum requirements.
3. Discussed the ice rink projects to be considered for next year.
4. Reviewed the quote from Savanna Seamless Gutters to replace the gutter along the east wall of
the city hall building. The total cost at \$484.00. Alderman Grim CITY HALL GUTTERS
presented the streets committee recommendation to hire Savanna Seamless Gutters of
Savanna, IL to replace the gutters at the city hall building at the cost of \$484.00. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4
yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Grim presented the streets committee recommendation BUDGET
to approve the proposed street department budget totals for expenses at \$353,700 in the general
fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers,
absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Grim presented the streets department recommendation PARK BUDGET
to approve the proposed park fund budget totals for revenues at \$14,750 and for expenses at
\$25,300. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and
Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Elliott reported of the March 13th police committee meeting: POLICE

- 1. Reviewed the monthly report.
- 2. Discussed the use of the two squad car vehicles.
- 3. Discussed the police department schedule and hours of coverage.
- 4. Chief Cass reported of the 2014 squad vehicle accident last Monday night.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the March 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

- 1. The bills were reviewed and approved by the committee.
- 2. Discussed the employee health insurance renewal information. The committee asked the clerk to contact the agent, John Bickelhaupt to schedule a time he could review this with the city council.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bates reported that there was a court hearing scheduled for April 2nd regarding the Bushy Flats properties.

Mayor Bates introduced Mr. Russ Simpson, board member for the Campbell Center to provide an update about the closing of the campus. Mr. Simpson reported that the transfer of the preservation course school had been completed with Highland Community College. Highland's president recently sent out a press release about this. He stated he wanted to let the council know that he was contacted about having the Mayfest activity on the campus again this year. He had contacted all of the board members and did not have a definite answer to that request and this has some complications. He stated they have information about a potential buyer and there would need to be discussions about the maintenance of the grounds. He stated he should have more to report in a day or two.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve APPOINTMENT the mayor's appointment of Eric Wiltshire to fill the vacancy as Alderman Ward 1 for the city council. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried

Mr. Eric Wiltshire was administered the Oath of Office by Clerk Julie Cuckler. OATH OF OFFICE Mayor Bates called for a second roll call of the council.

Roll call: Mayor Carl bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, ROLL CALL Eric Wiltshire, present, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.

Mr. Will Mueller, president of chamber, was in attendance and addressed MAYFEST the council about the Mayfest activity. He stated their hopes were to have the festival back on the Campbell Center campus, but there are some complications as was reported. Mayor Bates stated there was a good meeting last night about the activity; hopefully the issues can be resolved.

Mayor Bates reported that he was working with the city attorney regarding some amendments to the city liquor code.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence: CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Moring Disposal, Inc. report: 24,920 lbs. of recycling materials were collected for the month of February 2018

Alderman Risko reported of attending the recent Thomson prison community relations meeting. He also reported that the Mount Carroll Rotary Club would like to coordinate a tree planting with the City's

Arbor Day activity the end of April.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 27, 2018 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector