

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Nathan Veith 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  
Eric Wiltshire, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, Joe Grim, present, and Kevin Powers, absent.  
Alderman Kaczmariski led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Ms. Freddie Preston, Carroll County Substance Education Coalition, and PROCLAMATION  
Four students from the West Carroll Middle School, Hailey Harrison, Ella Coleman, Khailey Miller, and  
Kristina Irvine were in attendance and presented the Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular meeting as presented. 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. The motion was carried.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim 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 Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes,  
and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$618,183.47 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 27<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee COMMITTEES  
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Zink reported of the maintenance work they were completing at the sewer plant.
2. Supt. Zink reported they would like to schedule the hydrant flushing for the first week in May. The committee asked the clerk to place the advertising in the newspaper ahead of that time. Supt. Zink stated they were also compiling a list of fire hydrants needing to be replaced and he would report back with that information.
3. Supt. Zink reported of upcoming training, workshops and meetings. April 12<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting in Freeport, IL with the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, the IL DNR and IL State Water Survey to develop a comprehensive program for state and regional water supply planning; April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the meetings with the contractors about the water meter installation project and with MSA to review the recent treatment plant tours; April 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an IL Rural Water training session in the area; and on April 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting at the Mount Carroll Fire Department to go over the ISO testing project. Also, have enrolled Jonathan Armstrong in the California State University Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants study program.
4. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the SEWER LINING PROJECT current projects status. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the engineers, MSA Professional Services, Inc., to be able to conduct up to two more site visits for the sewer lining project at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

- 5. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the purchase of a new computer for the department from Computer Dynamics of Freeport, IL at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
- 6. The water and sewer committee reviewed the budget and the grand totals would be presented either later this evening or at the next finance committee meeting for approval.
- 7. Discussed the title work to be completed for the purchase of the property adjacent to the sewerage treatment plant. The council members in attendance asked the city attorney to prepare the documents that should be done for this matter.

NEW COMPUTER

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the March 27<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

- 1. The bills were reviewed and approved by the committee.
- 2. Discussed the budget review of certain funds and this to be completed during the council meeting this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bates reported that there was a court hearing scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the Bushy Flats properties. City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that in this process the lien of the expenses would be placed on the property initially.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported of attending a meeting last week that was to consider the use of the Campbell Center campus for the Mayfest festival again this year. After that discussion the Campbell Center board members that were in attendance again discussed the issue of their corporation dissolution and wishing the City to accept the property. He stated it was left that the board members were to present a petition to the City with what they want to do and provide documentation about the property. He presented to the city council members a copy of an aerial view of the campus. There are more than ten buildings on the site. The city council need to take note this could be a very overwhelming project in his opinion. He cautioned not to make any quick decisions.

CAMPBELL CENTER

Mr. Doug Bergren, Mayfest Committee member, was in attendance and addressed the council about the Mayfest activity. He stated their hopes were to have the festival back on the Campbell Center campus, and it was decided that this could not happen. The Mayfest Committee has decided to cancel the festival this year in town. During that Sunday of Memorial Day weekend the car show would still be on the Middle School grounds near the City swimming pool area. The Timber Lake Playhouse has decided to hold a fundraising event this weekend and will have music entertainment and other activities on their property. The committee would be working with the community's organizations to develop a Mayfest 2019 in a town location.

MAYFEST

The council discussed the letter submitted to the City to consider the annexation of property owned by Brandt Hutchcraft at 104 South East Street. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that the zoning is consistent with what is adjacent to this property as residential. The council members present voiced their approval to move forward on this matter and asked the city attorney to draft the necessary ordinance for the council to consider.

ANNEXATION

Mr. Robert Scott Sisler was in attendance and stated he provided a letter to request the council to consider vacating a portion of Middle Street that lies in the block that he owns adjacent to and bounded on both sides. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated it was general policy that platted roadways were not vacated unless there was a good reason or no known future use. Mayor

STREET VACATION

Bates reported he had looked at this block and there did not seem to be any future need to improve the roadway with the contour of the land here. He stated the street superintendent had commented that he felt this would not be improved. After discussion the council members present voiced their approval to proceed with the process to vacate that portion of Middle Street (between blocks 3 and 12 of the Stover and Emmert's Addition in the City). City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that a notice of a hearing about this matter would need to be published between 15 and 30 days of the council review. He stated he would work with the clerk and have the notice in the newspaper for the April 4<sup>th</sup> publication date so the hearing to consider the ordinance could be set for the second council meeting in April on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Under general audience, Mayor Bates asked Nathan Veith, Mount Carroll GENERAL AUDIENCE Boy Scout, to introduce himself and indicated his attendance to at least two local town council meetings was a requirement toward a merit badge for the organization.

Mayor Bates noted there was an item from the water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting that was deferred to the council meeting regarding a request for an extension of water and sewer service to a property located along IL Route 64 on the east side of town. He noted there is going to be at least one building and the preliminary cost estimates from the city's consulting engineers was at about \$180,000. More specific information would be needed from the developer about the location of the building or buildings and onsite engineering to determine whether a lift station might be needed for the sewer. The council members present were in agreement to have the engineers put together a more detailed cost estimate for this proposed project.

Alderman Risko presented the budget information for the following funds: BUDGET REVIEW BDD Fund: Revenues \$90,600 and Expenses \$200,000; Audit Fund: Revenues \$20,000 and Expenses \$19,500; Civil Defense Fund: Revenues \$425 and Expenses \$3,000; Garbage Fund: Revenues \$113,000 and Expenses: \$109,900; Insurance Fund: Revenues \$71,300 and Expenses \$52,000; Social Security/Medicare Fund: Revenues \$40,000 and Expenses \$34,500; Band Fund: Revenues \$5,750 and Expenses \$7,750; Forestry Fund: Revenues \$7,150 and Expenses \$11,050; Capital Improvement Fund: Revenues \$52,550 and Expenses \$52,000; Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Fund: Revenues \$590,000 and Expenses \$590,000.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve these funds as prepared for the next year's budget. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The water and sewer departments budget total would be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence:

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. The letter from the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council about a meeting in April sponsored by the IL DNR and IL State Water Survey.

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 8:29 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 10, 2018 regular meeting.  
Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector