

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Sherf 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
Eric Wiltshire, present, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Donna Hoffman, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the August 14, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2018 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT totaling \$606,491.09 as of today.

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

1. Discussed the installation of the new water meters. All of the new meters are all installed and Superintendent Zink was reviewing the inventory to see if there was any to return before finalizing the project with the loan administrator, Sharon Pepin.
2. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee WATER MAIN PROJECT recommendation to hire Sharon Pepin, CFPS, Inc., to subcontract for the preparation of the project plan and complete the preparation and submittal of a Public Water Supply Loan application to the IEPA Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section for a new water main project located in the northwest section of the City at a fee not to exceed \$13,500. Ms. Jill Pepin, CFPS, Inc. was in attendance and reported that the council would be able to review the project plan and the options for submitting the loan application before it would be completed. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Wiltshire, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee PROBATION LIFTED recommendation to approve to take Superintendent Bill Zink off of the probation status as a full time employee with the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee GREG KLOEPPING TRAINING recommendation to approve to pay the expenses for Greg Kloepping to attend the Drinking Water Certification classes being offered through Blackhawk College this September through November. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Noted the registration fee would be \$450 and Mayor Bates and Superintendent Zink would

coordinate an agreement with Mr. Kloepping regarding the completion of this training program.

5. Discussed what was needed to inventory and secure record keeping for the privately owned fire hydrants in town.
6. Superintendent Zink reported of maintenance work needed on both of the City's sewer lift stations.
7. Mayor Bates reported there was a resident that had picked up the petition sheets to have a question on the April 2019 ballot about the IEPA Loan Agreement for the wastewater treatment facility improvements. The committee decided to schedule a couple of information public meetings about the project. Mayor Bates stated he would contact the engineers after this evening's meeting to see when they could be available also.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee IML CONFERENCE recommendation to approve the expenses for the mayor to attend the IML Conference in Chicago, IL from September 20-22, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that the city was still OLD BUSINESS maintaining the mowing at the Campbell Center property and he was told they were having an appraisal done of the property.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported she had been in contact with the State DCEO office about the close out of the City's revolving loan fund. The City can decide on a few options for the use of the funds such as the proposed water main improvements in the northwest section of town, ADA accessibility projects, infrastructure for a commercial or retail developer, or other projects that would repair known code violations. She presented 4 options of funding totals the City could retain of the RLF or even buy into by paying off both of the current loans and the one that had defaulted. By September 15th the City needs to provide a letter or council resolution to DCEO stating the City's intention to buyout the remaining loans. By December 31st the close out needs to be complete with the funds all being submitted to the State and a bank balance statement showing the RLF account has been closed out. The council members presented voiced their approval to review this information from Ms. Pepin and have this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the West Carroll Youth Football Associatoin. Roll call vote: Aldermen Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the LEASE AGREEMENT lease agreement with Trenton Young for the rental of the community house use to conduct karate classes with a monthly rent of \$50.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Wiltshire, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

At 8:00 p.m. the tornado warning siren was set off. Mayor Bates recessed STORM WARNING the meeting to let everyone get to a safer location in the building while the storm was passing. At 8:10 p.m. the mayor called the meeting back into open session.

Under general audience Ms. Nancy Gmitro addressed the council about the Stone House owned by the Mount Carroll CDC. She reported the Mount Carroll CDC would be asking the City to consider taking over the Stone House property located along Illinois Route 78. No action was taken by the council, however in discussion the council members present asked if there was a way to get cost estimates to secure the building structure while some uses were explored.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

1. Information from State Representative Tony McCombie about the 2nd Annual Community Leaders Meeting on October 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cordova Civic Center
2. Information from the Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living regarding community accessibility audit services that their office could conduct for the town

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 11, 2018 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector