

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Chris Rogers 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, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Kaczmariski led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Ms. Ann Frederick gave the invocation.

Ms. Lacey Yeoman and co-worker, Tammy, Advocates for the PROCLAMATION  
Riverview Center of Carroll County, IL were in attendance and presented the Proclamation for the  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month recognition during October 2018. The proclamation was signed  
by the mayor and Ms. Yeoman thanked the council for their their time this evening.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the September 25, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen  
Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0  
noes. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$847,845.59 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 25<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee COMMITTEES  
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Zink reported of the following projects:
  - A. Working on the raw sewerage pumps at the treatment plant. Might need to refurbish the recirculating pump and will report back about costs.
  - B. Have ordered the 18 new fire hydrants under the IEPA loan project.
  - C. Have scheduled to start fire hydrant flushing for this fall on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. Working on the rotating bio discs when time permits.
  - E. Communicating with another vendor about chemicals for the water system to see if there are any cost savings as well as different additives to level off some of the minerals in the system.
  - F. Reported that the float at the sewer lift station on Center Street has been replaced. This should at least provide better warning when there are high flows.
  - G. Discussed the pool maintenance projects to be completed this fall.
2. Superintendent Zink reported that a representative from Nicor NICOR GAS COMPANY  
Gas Company contacted him about installing an antenna on the City's water tower structure. He reported that the work crew from Maquire Iron that comes every year for maintenanc on the tower reported that the antennae that are installed there now appear to be installed properly. The consensus of the committee members in attendance was to allow the mayor and the water and sewer superintendent to negotiate a contract with Nicor like what we have with the

private companies now and report back with a proposed agreement.

3. Superintendent Zink reported that Operator Jonathan Armstrong IEPA EXAM has completed the requirements and passed the exam for the Class 4 Wastewater Treatment Works Operator. The committee directed the clerk to check the employee handbook and any of Jonathan's hiring documents to verify any salary increases with this certification. The committee discussed the class certifications and what would be needed with the new treatment plant.
4. Mr. Stave Haring, MSA, was in attendance and provided a copy of the attendance record from the recent public information meetings held with their staff. The council members present expressed their appreciation to the city staff and MSA for helping with these meetings.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the September 25<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee ADD ON TO ACCTS. PAYABLE recommendation to approve the County Bridge Fund payment of \$10,694.04 into the accounts payable for this evening to go towards the engineering portion of the Galena Street Bridge Project. 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.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that the city attorney OLD BUSINESS and he had met with a property owner today regarding the notice to demolish or repair their residence. No action on that one at this time to present. Discussion regarding the one Boyd building in the 200 Block of West Market Street.

Regarding the Stone House owned by the Mount Carroll CDC, Mr. Len STONE HOUSE Anderson, Mr. Chris Rogers, and Nancy Gmitro with Mayor Bates presented information about the costs to secure and close up the building, build a porch area, clean up the property area, and develop a parking area. The total cost estimate was \$80,000. The first phase that could be done immediately was to close up the building, clean up the grounds and set up a parking area at a cost of \$25,000. Noted that there was a donor to start this out and if the City were to take this over the donations would be charitable for tax purposes. After discussion regarding the significance of the property, Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to accept the "Stone House" property from the Mount Carroll CDC. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve the BUILDING VARIANCE planning commission recommendation approving the variance application submitted by Calvin Bates, 107 N. Main Street to replace/build a new garage structure on the old garage foundation to be located within 6' of the south lot line. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the TBK BANK LOAN mayor and city clerk to sign the letter to TBK Bank making a request to draw the amount of \$136,000 for a loan disbursement for the payment of the MSA Invoice No. 8. 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.

Clerk Cuckler announced that the petition documents were available ELECTION PACKETS for candidates seeking election at the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election.

Mayor Bates announced the bulky waste pick up was scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Fall Summit scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> in Freeport, IL.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise Night Event Organizer reported they had a record number 153 vehicles at the last event of the season last Saturday. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates reported of the invitation to attend the Riverview Center Open House Event on October 25<sup>th</sup> located in Mount Carroll. Also noted the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. regarding the pick up of 20,320 pounds of recyclable materials during the month of August 2018. CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarek, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 9, 2018 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector

# City of Mount Carroll, State of Illinois

## PROCLAMATION

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2018

#### WHEREAS,

The family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community;

#### WHEREAS,

The problem of domestic violence affects all citizens of the city of Mount Carroll, crossing all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic and economic groups;

#### WHEREAS,

Over the last year, Riverview Center in Carroll County provided over 1,172 hours of direct services to 92 adult survivors and their children who witnessed domestic violence, assisted 43 survivors with orders of protections, and answered 623 hotline calls from persons in Shannon, Lanark, Milledgeville, Chadwick, Thomson, Savanna and Mount Carroll throughout Carroll County, Illinois.

#### NOW THEREFORE,

In recognition of the impact that domestic violence has on the health and well- being of our community, we the City of Mount Carroll Board, State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as

### ***“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”***

Furthermore, we invite you to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 18, 2018 by wearing purple or a purple ribbon in recognition of those who have been affected by domestic violence.

Citizens should also take this opportunity to educate themselves about the impact of domestic violence and to become familiar with resources and programs available. This month let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate violence from our community.

**In Witness Whereof, we have set our hand and caused  
The Great Seal of the City of Mount Carroll to be affixed  
On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018**

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