

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

Bill Zink rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting.

Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Eric Wiltshire, present, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko Jr., present, Joe Grim, present.

Alderman Paul Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Bob Stark gave the invocation.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$871,291.33 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the October 23, 2018 water and sewer committee meeting:

1. Supt. Zink stated they have been flushing hydrants and they still have Cemetery Hill to flush, he also stated they will start hydrant replacements on Mondays and Tuesdays.

2. Sharon Pepin from CFPS, Inc. updated on IEPA loan for water meter project and hydrants final pay requests from IEPA. Change orders are as follows:

Core & Main	\$1,568.18
Mechanical Inc.	\$65,497.32
Brown Supply	\$42,845.00
CFPS, Inc.	\$5,000.00

Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve to pay all change orders in the total amount of \$114,910.50. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

3. Discussed and tabled proposed water and sewer extension on East Benton Street, the proposal was presented with a larger piece than is needed.

4. Discussed agreement from MSA Professional Services, Inc. on the water main replacement and looping project from nursing home, Spring St., Mill St., and Clay St. The cost up front is \$148,000 for engineering with a possible up to 75% principal loan forgiveness through the IEPA. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve for Sharon Pepin of CFPS, Inc. to submit water main replacement and looping project plans to the IEPA. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the October 23, 2018 Finance committee meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates updated committee with possible loan offers from local banks, State Bank of Pearl City offer is up to \$150,000 @ 3.5% interest with a certified copy of our audit. He is still waiting to hear back from Savanna Thomson State Bank and TBK. When he hears back from them he will represent to council.
3. Discussion of handbook and salaries; Alderman Kaczmarski stated his concern that employee reviews are not being performed annually and should have these regularly scheduled as the handbook states. Mayor Bates stated a change needs to be made to have it state in the handbook that if an employee schedules to go to a class or seminar and does not attend they need to repay the City for those costs. It was proposed by Alderman Risko to have executive session next meeting to discuss employee contracts. It was discussed that the annual COLA rate for 2018 is 2.8%. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve a 2.8% annual cost of living raise to employees effective November 1, 2018. Roll call vote: Alderman Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve a donation to the West Carroll after Prom Committee of \$25.00. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve Treasurer Wiersema to attend the annual IMTA Institute in Bloomington, Illinois from November 13 – 15, 2018 at a cost of \$235 for the Institute and hotel costs. Roll call vote: Alderman Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under old business the council heard update from city attorney on the vacant and unkept properties.

Mayor Bates gave an update on the Campbell Center that there is another meeting Friday, October 26, 2018 and hopefully new ownership will take place by November 1, 2018.

Len Anderson gave an update on the stone house and presented \$675.00 worth of donations toward repairs on the stone house, he also thanked Mirror Democrat for the wonderful coverage in the paper. Mayor stated he will talk to the CDC regarding the deed to the stone house.

Supt. Bill Zink received update from Nicor Gas proposed agreement for \$500 a month and will present to Attorney Coplan for review.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the quote received from Law Excavating, Inc. for the demolition of 217 West Market Street for \$4,000. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve Resolution No. R10-2018-1, A Resolution approving State Form BLR09150, Request for Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for The Galena Street Bridge Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Risko, yes, Elliott, yes, Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarks, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the Ordinance No.2018-10-6, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND GLENWOOD EQUITIES, LLC. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Risko, no, Elliott, no, Kaczmarks, yes, Wiltshire, no, Powers, no. Vote: 2 yeses and 4 noes. The motion failed.

Alderman Risko motioned and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve to proceed with the process to vacate a portion of Commercial Street as requested by Glenwood Equities, LLC. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarks, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim motioned and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10-7, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SECTION OF 8-5-5 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS. Roll call vote: Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported there was 20,980 pounds of recycling collected for the month of September.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

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

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector