

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Bergren 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, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the September 25, 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 Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2018 as approved 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 \$681,389.97 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the October 9th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of the sidewalk, culvert and storm drain repair work
completed to date.
2. Dicsused the water drainage down West State Street to Galena Street and the current creek
levels with the recent rain events.
3. Discussed the proposed downtown sidewalk replacement project. Working with a local
contractor to develop the cost estimates and scope of the work.
4. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge project now it was nearing completion.

Alderman Wiltshire reported of the October 9th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Reviewed the monthly report for September 2018.
2. Alderman Wiltshire presented the police committee recommen- SIGN PLACEMENT
dation to approve the sign installation changes as recommended by Chief Cass except for item
number 4 on his list and authorize the drafting of the appropriate ordinance. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers,
absent. The motion was carried.

Per list as follows:

- *N. Clay Street at E. State Street from a yield sign to a stop sign
- *E. State Street at E. Lincoln Street from a yield sign to a stop sign
- *W. Center Street at S. Main Street to add a stop sign for east bound traffic
- *N. & S. College Street at E. & W. Center Street add stop signs for north and south
traffic and remove yield signs at E. & W. Center Street

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the October 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The finance committee discussed the funds to be used to pay for the GALENA BRIDGE
construction of the Galena Street Bridge project. The information from FUNDING

the Carroll County Engineer was that the final cost estimate to the City would range from \$219,414.76 to \$222,914.76. The City currently has about a \$70,000 balance in the Motor Fuel Tax fund which would be used towards that payment. The State IDOT office has told the Clerk that the City would also need to pass a resolution to be submitted to them with a request for expenditure of the motor fuel tax funds. That would be provided to the council for approval at the next meeting. After more discussion, Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to contact the local banks about loan funding up to \$150,000.00 to be used for the payment of the project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

3. The finance committee discussed the annual review of the employee handbook and salaries.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that he had a verbal quote for OLD BUSINESS the demolition of the one Boyd building in the 200 Block of West Market Street. The consensus of the council members in attendance was to have this matter on the agenda for the next council meeting. Regarding the Campbell Center property Mayor Bates reported that the board was still working with the proposed developer. There was mowing that has been done by the city street department. Alderman Risko stated there were a lot of tree limbs and sticks that have come out of the trees in the last few weeks. He stated he would organize another pick up sticks day at Campbell Center on October 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Regarding the Stone House it was noted that the Mt. Carroll CDC was STONE HOUSE working on the transfer deed of the property to the City. Mr. Len Anderson and Mr. Chris Rogers reported that the construction work to clean up the outside of the property and secure the building structure was underway. The next step was to get more rock to level out the front of the building area. Mr. Anderson reported they have come up with a different project for the front of the building in Phase 2 of the project and that should save quite a bit of money instead of building the proposed front porch area. It was noted that the grant funding contribution for the current work was in the works for distribution to the City soon.

Mayor Bates reported that there was not an agreement document with Nicor Gas yet regarding the rental for an antenna on the City water tower structure, but they have in verbal discussions agreed upon a monthly fee of \$300.00. That agreement would be forthcoming in the near future.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve ILRWA CONFERENCE the attendance and the registration fee of \$150.00 for Superintendent Bill Zink for the Illinois Rural Water Association's Northern Conference in Rockford, IL on October 23rd and 24th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the PUMPKINFEST Chamber PumpkinFest activities for October 27, 2018 in the downtown consisting of street closures on Main, Market and Rapp Streets and possible use of the City Hall building. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, here, Risko, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 present, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the NIU NET AGREEMENT Mayor to sign the renewal agreement with NIU Net for iFiber internet access for another five years at a cost of \$360.00 per year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko,

yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Discussed the proposed fiber project with Sand Prairie Wireless.

Under general audience Alderman Elliott expressed a thank you to Maria Krull for organizing the Bridge and Bricks Celebration Event on September 29th. Mayor Bates noted the Halloween trick or treat hours on October 31st from 5-8 p.m. Alderman Grim reported he had heard from a representative from the local boys scout troop and they would be helping with the ice rink activities again this winter.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 23, 2018 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector