

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Joe Grim, Chairman of the Board in the absence of the mayor, CALL TO ORDER
called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Eric ROLL CALL
Wiltshire, absent, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,
present.

The agenda item for the meeting was discussion and review of the damage assessment of the one-ton truck from the City's commercial insurance carrier and possible action to consider options for the repair and/or replacement.

Superintendent Dauphin reported of what happened the evening of the snowstorm that started on November 25th. Mark Mueller had been plowing with the one-ton truck as usual however the amount of snow was not usual. There was quite a lot of accumulation. He stated Mark lifted the plow at one point and he noticed the left side of the front end was not right. It looked like it had broken down then it appeared like it had broken off. When he got the vehicle back to the shop they removed the plow. They noticed that the frame was broken. Superintendent Dauphin stated he was able to get the truck to Eastland Fabrication in Lanark, IL. Alderman Elliott reported that the cost estimates to rebuild the frame and repairs to get it back in shape for plowing could range up to \$15,000.00. To complete a possible repair of the front end the cost estimate was about \$2,500.00. The truck could not be used for plowing though. Superintendent Dauphin and Water & Sewer Superintendent Bill Zink commented that they had hoped the truck could be repaired and used in both departments. Clerk Cuckler reported the insurance adjuster had verbally indicated that the truck would be declared totaled and had noted in its current condition it was not safe for the road. The maximum amount on the schedule for the truck was at \$7,500.00. There is a \$500.00 deductible. She noted there would be another amount that would be deducted as well if the City kept the truck. Those final estimates were not known yet and she was not sure whether they would even insure this vehicle for liability if repaired. In discussion the council members in attendance asked the clerk to contact the insurance company about the City's recent engine repairs and whether that would add anything to the value of the vehicle in the final tabulations. The council members asked Superintendent Dauphin whether the plow that was on this vehicle needed to be replaced, was it still usable, had it been damaged in any way. Superintendent Dauphin stated this plow was one of the oldest ones in the inventory and was not damaged, but was a heavier plow. Consensus to also look into replacing this plow when getting the new vehicle. Alderman Elliott stated that the ordering of a new truck would take up to four months before delivery. Discussed some of the options for plowing snow and spreading salt in the areas this truck was being used. Superintendent Dauphin noted that they could use the tractor with the blower for some of the clean up but it would take a bit more time. If overwhelmed with snow events to consider leasing for the season or hiring someone local to help when needed. The consensus was to get quotes for a new vehicle as this was the plan for this next year and it would take several months for delivery. Clerk Cuckler stated that the City should advertise for the quotes since the costs would be over \$25,000.00.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to advertise for a new 2018 or 2019 one ton truck and to have the bids submitted to city hall by December 11, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. for the committee meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.

The council members present asked Alderman Elliott to check on options to get a temporary truck/plow/spreader vehicle and provide the costs for that at the next meeting on December 11th.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. Alderman Grim adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector