

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Will Mueller 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 Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Jeff Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the November 27, 2018 regular meeting and the November 30, 2018 special 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 December 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 \$767,920.00 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the December 11th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES STREETS

1. Opened the bids for the new one-ton truck.

Fairway Ford, Freeport, IL Total \$44,656

Kunes' Country Auto Group, Mt. Carroll, IL Total \$45,146

The streets committee reviewed the specifications with the bid quotes and noted the difference with the tires. Not remarkable, noted this was for the truck chassis only, and the consensus was to lean to the local dealership because of the convenience with the service and maintenance.

Presented the costs for the box and plow needed to fit the truck.

Bonnell Industries, Dixon, IL Total \$37,610 (plow, plow frame, box and all controls)

Monroe Truck Equipment, Monroe, WI Total \$33,000

Discussed the different plow designs, sizes and specifications. Superintendent Dauphin expressed his preference to consider the package from Bonnell Industries for the quality and endurance.

Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation NEW TRUCK PURCHASE to approve the truck chassis bid from Kunes' Country Auto Group at a cost not to exceed \$45,200. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, here, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Wiltshire, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 present and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation NEW TRUCK EQUIPMENT to approve the Bonnell Industries, Inc. bid for the plow, plow frame, box and all the controls at the cost of \$37,610. 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.

Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation LEASE PROGRAM to authorize the mayor and clerk to fill out the application for a lease to purchase program for this total package purchase. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes,

Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.

2. Discussed whether to keep the old/damaged truck. Repairs to fix frame and four wheel drive operation was estimated at \$4,000 to \$4,500. Clerk Cuckler reported that the insurance company was settling the claim with a payment of \$7,500 to the City and the city could keep the truck. Insurance coverage after assurance it was road safe would only be for liability. The street committee members voiced their approval to have Eastland Fabrication of Lanark, IL repair the truck.

Alderman Grim reported of the December 11th water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Superintendent Zink reported that the rebuilt recirculating pump at the treatment plant was installed. The work on the bio disc repairs were done when weather permitted. Operator Jonathan Armstrong went for another wastewater classification test on December 10th.
2. Mayor Bates reported the MSA engineers have scheduled a meeting for January 2nd in city hall at 10:00 a.m. to review the status of the wastewater treatment plant facility project and go over the bidding process.

Alderman Wiltshire reported of the December 11th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided the November monthly activity report for review.
2. The committee discussed the police presence at the middle school.
3. Chief Cass reported of attending the A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) instructor training program in Bourbonnais, IL last week.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the December 11th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee MUSIC ON THE SQUARE recommendation to approve the payment of \$450.00 towards the Music on the Square Winter Program from the City band fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee HOLIDAY AD recommendation to approve the Holiday ad with the Mirror Democrat at a cost of \$112.00. 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.
4. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee MSA INVOICE PAYMENT recommendation to approve the payment of \$30,000.00 of the \$102,000.00 invoice to MSA Professional Services from the wastewater treatment improvement fund. 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.
5. Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded TIF DISBURSEMENTS to approve the annual TIF disbursements of \$70,500 as presented. (\$7,033 to State Bank of Pearl City; \$1,375 to Pins4 Cruisin; \$1,000 to Schneider House Furniture; \$1,000 to Mt. Carroll Café; \$2,500 to 110 Market Street, LLC; \$826 to Elite Mobile Concepts; \$1,500 to Kunes' Country Auto Group; \$2,084 to Tina's Ice Cream & Riverview Antiques; \$3,500 to Northern Hospitality, LLC; \$8,500 to transfer to the BDD Fund towards the Mt. Carroll CDC loan; \$24,630 to transfer to the City Debt Service Fund towards the water infrastructure project; \$1,002 to transfer to the City general fund for legal expenses; \$550 to transfer to the City general fund for the TIF Association dues expense; \$8,000 as a set aside for a new dump truck; and \$7,000 as a set aside for a new police squad vehicle) 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.

- 6. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor and clerk to close out the Revolving Loan Fund account with a current balance of \$100,500.14 plus add the accrued interest to date and disburse the account balance to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and approve the buy out of the two loans (Red Gate Embroidery and Country Girl Boutique dba All Out Country) in the total amount of \$19,219.75 that would be disbursed with the above stated amount. 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.

RLF FUND CLOSE OUT

Under old business the council discussed the report of an unkept property located on East Broad Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bates introduced Mr. Andy Fisher, Economic Growth Corporation that was in attendance and addressed the council about the pending action his company was taking to purchase the Campbell Center campus. The closing was scheduled to take place soon this month. He asked if the council would consider the action to forgive the outstanding water bills and clear the recorded lien or liens for those. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve to proceed to dropping the liens recorded on the Campbell Center property for the outstanding water bills. 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

CAMPBELL CENTER

Mr. Fisher reported of using the "Sawyer House/President's House" building as a local office for this development project. He noted they would be presenting more information about the development as more was finalized and put into motion.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2018-12-8, The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12-8

Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Wiltshire, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2018-12-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Total of the annual levy was at \$276,100.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2018-12-9, AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12-9

In discussion it was noted this was the area along East Benton Street and Illinois Route 64 where the owner, Harold Andresen, was constructing, on a portion of his property, a new building to be donated to and used by the Carroll County Senior Services Center. Alderman Powers expressed his concern about how the process of this matter had been handled. That the construction/building permit had been approved before the zoning was completed. Alderman Powers and Risko expressed their concern about the costs for the water and sewer infrastructure also. Mayor Bates and Alderman Grim stated they felt there would be a potential for more development by having the services brought out to this corner by the highway. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2018-12-9 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was discussion and possible action to place on file the updated loan document for the Kraft building redevelopment project changing the corporation from the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation to the Mt. Carroll Economic Development Group. Ms. PJ Ladehoff-Mueller, President of the CDC reported

CDC LOAN

through the process of changing the old status of the corporation there was also a name change that takes effect the end of this month. Their new status would be as a not for profit corporation. Mayor Bates noted that this was a document he had signed with the president to update and add to the loan on file with a TIF redevelopment agreement. Since this loan was reclassified by the state under the revolving loan fund the payments are deposited into the BDD fund of the city when reviewing the TIF disbursements each year. He stated this would be placed on file with the agreement and loan documents for the CDC which would reflect the new name change. No objections were voiced by the council members in attendance.

Alderman Risko reported of the December 6th community relations meeting he attended at the Thomson penitentiary.

THOMSON PRISON

Under general audience, Mr. Len Anderson commented about the new ownership of the Campbell Center campus. Mr. Joe Avila, Clay Street resident, mentioned that he was looking for a store front for his dog food and animal services business. Mr. Bill and Mrs. Rhonda Bumphrey were in attendance and asked about what they thought were some inconsistencies with the parking of semi-trucks in town. The consensus was to have this matter taken up at the next police committee meeting for review.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under correspondence Mayor Bates reported of the following:

1. The open house for the Right Steps Family Center on December 17th
2. The Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone information meetings on December 18th and 19th
3. The letter from Mediacom Communications Corporation regarding cable television rate changes
4. The confirmation from the State that the City was awarded the Tree City USA status again for 2018

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT 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 8:44 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 8, 2019 regular meeting.

Carl R. Bates
Mayor

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector