

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Bergren rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Alderman Joe Grim, chairman of the meeting in the absence of the mayor CALL TO ORDER
called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, absent, 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.

Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the February 19, 2019 rescheduled regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried
by unanimous voice vote of the council member present.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2019 as approved by
the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Grim, yes, Elliott, yes,
Risko, yes, and Kaczmarski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$554,904.94 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the February 26th water & sewer committee COMMITTEES
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Zink reported that the engineers from Nicor Gas WATER TOWER
have conducted a study to consider the installation of another antenna structure on the railing on
the City water tower. Their statement was that they felt the structure would hold the new
equipment. Supt. Zink stated that if Maguire Iron came and conducted a study the cost to the
City would be at least \$5,000. The consensus of the committee was to go with the study done by
Nicor and review the agreement once that draft was available for the council to go over the
maintenance and liability issues.
2. Superintendent Zink reported of the estimated costs for the water BENTON STREET
and sewer extension on Benton Street. The materials for the water and sewer main would be
\$17,000, the sewer grinder lift station would be \$22,000 and the electrical equipment and
installation could be as much as \$20,000.
3. Superintendent Zink reported that the operators that took the wastewater testing for
certification this month did not pass. They were looking at the scheduling for a future
date to apply for.
4. Costs for the equipment needed to repiar the bio discs were \$2,033.45 from Motion
Industries. Consensus of the committee members present to purchase as budgeted maintenance
and repair materials for the sewer plant.
5. Superintendent Zink reported he would be attending a training program sponsored by the
Illinois Rural Water Association on March 26th in Rochelle, IL.
6. Superintendent Zink stated that the wells have come to a cycle with it being ten years since #4
was first drilled and the other two having an overhaul that one of the wells should be pulled
sometime in the next year. Costs for that project would be \$20,000. To consider this matter for
the water and sewer department budget this next year.

7. Reported of the repairs to the SCADA communication system for the water department.
8. Discussed the matter of the frozen meters this winter.
9. Steve Haring, MSA was in attendance and presented a project update for the new wastewater treatment facility, the Benton Street utility extension, the zoning map update and the downtown sidewalk project

Alderman Kaczmarek reported of the February 26th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarek presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the donation of 2 season passes for the City pool this summer season as a raffle item for the Rotary fundraiser event in March. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance. DONATION

3. Alderman Risko reported of the following departments' budget expenses that has been completed this last week: BUDGET

For General Fund/Administration the total of expenses are \$213,750

For Civil Defense Fund the total of expenses are \$3,000

For Social Security Fund the total of expenses are \$33,500

For Forestry Fund the total of expenses are \$7,650

For Garbage Fund the total of expenses are \$109,650 and revenues were estimated at \$113,600

For the General Fund/Community House after discussion the tentative total for expenses was set at \$7,350 in order to get an estimate to repair or replace the handicapped accessible ramp

For Audit Fund the expenses were set tentatively at \$19,500 to determine whether the City would need to complete a single audit document this year.

Alderman Kaczmarek presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the budget expenses as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance.

Under old business there was discussion about the sewer rate increase ordinance. A draft should be available at the next meeting. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Grim noted that since there was a question about the audit services needed for this fiscal year the next item on the agenda could be tabled if council wanted this evening. Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Powers seconded to table the approval of the engagement letter with Wipfli, LLP CPA's and Consultants to conduct the audit services for the City for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance. AUDIT

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to approve Resolution No. R2-2019-8, A Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for maintenance during this 2019 calendar year. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. MFT RESOLUTION

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. Alderman Grim adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 12, 2019 meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector