

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 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
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, absent, and Joe Grim, absent.
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the March 26, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Risko seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2019 as approved by the
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes,
Kaczmarski, yes, and Grim, 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 \$421,154.18 as of today.

COMMITTEES
Clerk Cuckler reported of the March 29th Joint Review Board meeting: JRB
1. In attendance were Clerk Cuckler, School Superintendent Julie Katzenberger and Community At
Large Member Laurel Bergren.
2. Agenda items were the election of the chairman of the meeting and the at large member; the
discussion and review of the FY 2018 Annual Tax Increment Finance Report; and report of the
current projects.

Alderman Elliott reported of the April 9th streets committee meeting: STREETS
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the street sweeping and park clean up were underway.
Point Rock Park should be open within the next week or so.
2. Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation NEW MOWER
to waive the bidding process and purchase a new 2019 Grasshopper mower from Merema
Brothers of Fulton, IL at the cost of \$9,082. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes,
Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1
absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation SUMMER HELP
to advertise for summer help applicants for the streets, cemetery and park departments. Roll call
vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Grim,
absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the April 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmarski presented the finance committee SPRING STREET WASH
recommendation to approve the payment for the breakfast meal for the volunteers and City
employees that complete the spring street cleaning at a cost not to exceed \$225. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Grim,
absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

3. The committee discussed the letter from Deputy Clerk/Treasurer CITY HALL STAFF Cynthia Wiersema stating that she had taken another full time position outside of City employment. Noted that she would be helping out part time at this time and there would be more discussion about this matter at the next meeting.
4. Budget Review and approved totals for revenues and expenses BUDGET as follows:
 General Fund Revenues - \$632,000; BDD Fund Revenues - \$90,600, Expenses - \$193,000; Audit Fund Revenues - \$20,030, Expenses - \$19,500; Garbage Fund Expenses changed to \$115,650; Motor Fuel Tax Revenues - \$44,500, Expenses - \$50,000; Insurance Fund Revenues - \$57,500, Expenses - \$52,500; IMRF Revenues - \$53,500, Expenses - \$50,000; Band Fund Revenues - \$5,750, Expenses - \$7,750; Brick Street Fund Revenues - \$220, Expenses - \$2,100; Building Fund Revenues - \$28,650, Expenses - \$35,000; TIF Revenues - \$75,400, Expenses - \$88,000; Bond & Interest Sinking Fund Revenues - \$272,300, Expenses - \$268,050; Capital Improvement Fund Revenues - \$54,550, Expenses - \$52,000; WWTP Improvement Fund Revenues - \$12,185,000, Expenses - \$12,050,000; Recreation Fund Revenues - \$47,000, Expenses - \$45,100. Proposed Total Revenues - \$14,194,114 and Expenses - \$14,754,850. The finance committee stated that a draft ordinance should be available for council at the next regular council meeting.

The council discussed the proposed increase needed for the wastewater WWTP IMPROVEMENT treatment plant improvement fee. The proposed annual repayment cost for FEE INCREASE the IEPA loan after construction ranged from \$285,000 to \$289,000. The current fee is at \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage with a minimum of \$6.00 (for 0-2,000 gallons) and a maximum of \$18.00 (for users at 6,000 gallons +). Considered a per household income rate, an incremental per 1,000 gallons increase to the monthly required amount by next year, to changing the minimum base fee with the \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of metered water and then next year to set a flat household rate of \$28.00. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the following wwtp improvement fee increases as follows: To set the base rate per household at \$10.00 with the \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with the maximum rate at 6,000 gallons + at \$28.00, then in May 2020 the per household rate would be increased to \$28.00 per month. To have a draft ordinance available for council approval as soon as possible. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under old business there was discussion about the request from Ms. OLD BUSINESS Arnette Heisler, King Street, for compensation for the replacement of the water softener in her home after some recent water shut off events. The consensus of the council members in attendance was to deny this request and the mayor was asked to send a letter in response to Ms. Heisler. The council members were presented with a draft of the License Agreement from Nicor Gas Company for the placement of an antenna on the City's water tower. To have on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Doug Bergren was in attendance and read the Arbor Day proclamation. ARBOR DAY
 Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation announcing April 26, 2019 as the day for celebration events. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the NEW TREE purchase of new trees for the Arbor Day celebration at a cost of \$500. Roll call vote: Alderman

Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Alderman Risko reported that the Arbor Day planting event would be in the courtyard square this year.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve STREET SOLICITATIONS the street "Road Block" solicitation requests from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for May 4th and the Humane Society of Carroll County for May 18th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, here, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience there was discussion about the street washing project this spring that is usually done in May before painting the crosswalks and parking spaces. GENERAL AUDIENCE

After discussion about the bid opening for the wastewater treatment facility improvements set for April 25, 2019 the council considered a meeting date change to after that date for the second meeting of the month. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the regular meeting date change from April 23rd to April 30th for the next meeting of this month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MEETING DATE CHANGE

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Wiltshire seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Wiltshire, yes, Powers, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 30, 2019 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector