

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Jayden Forth rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL

Alderman Joe Grim, chairman of the board when the mayor is absent called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Joe Grim, present,

Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present Paul Kaczmarski, present, Doug Bergren, present, and Kevin Powers, present. ROLL CALL

Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. MINUTES

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2019 as approved by the finance committee. The motion was carried unanimous voice vote of the council members present. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Joe Grim reported that the bank account balances were totaling \$494,840.93 as of today. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

1. Discussed the status of the new truck. The chassis was at Bonnell finishing the box, plow frame and controls. Could be ready in another week or so.
2. Discussed the needed repair of the lighting on the IL Route 78 bridge. The lighting cable has come apart and there is no electric to the lights. Under agreement with the State the City is to maintain the lighting. Projected costs were at about \$20,000 to repair because of the need for a special truck with equipment to get access under the bridge. The consensus of the committee members in attendance was to table this matter and ask the mayor to contact the State about whether they could help with the needed equipment and/or the repair due to the expense.
3. Discussed the condition of South Jackson Street from Benton Street to the work that was completed in the 800 block area. The committee members asked the street superintendent to develop a proposal to re-do that area of South Jackson Street from where they left off to the Alma Street intersection. Alderman Bergren would like some consideration of replacing some of the brick street areas along this street or a maintenance program of the current areas.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 11th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Reviewed the monthly activity report.
2. Reviewed the addresses for the tall weeds and grass violations.
3. Chief Cass reported of the set up process to get on the CodeRed notification system.
4. The new squad car was in. To hear about the trade in values yet, and Chief Cass reported the initial quote from Mobile Electronics for the swap out of the equipment between the two vehicles was about \$3,645.91.

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the June 11th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the financing for the new one ton truck and tabled to the next meeting.
3. Clerk Cuckler reported of looking at Verizon to possibly change all of the City's phones to. Will report back with more information as soon as that was available.

4. Mr. Len Anderson reported of an 1800's version vintage covered wagon that was available from a vendor in Galena, IL at the cost of \$950.00. He was providing donations in excess of that amount tonight to help cover these costs if the council would approve getting this to be placed by the Stone House development area. No objections were voice by the council members in attendance.
5. It was noted that the auditors were in the city hall this week doing the on site field work.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported of the recent VACANT PROPERTIES court hearings and the status of proceeding with the county trustee regarding a couple of the parcels. The council members present discussed the demolition of the Market Street building and the needed clean up to complete the project. To contact Law's Excavating about this matter.

Alderman Kaczmarek moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve NICOR GAS AGREEMENT the updated agreement with Nicor Gas regarding the installation of an antenna on the City water tower structure. In discussion there was a question about the term of the agreement, the cancellation process and maintenance. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Powers seconded to postpone action on this matter until the next meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.

Alderman Risko stated in order to receive the needed approximate \$4,000 WATER & SEWER RATES per month increase for operations in the water and sewer funds, he was proposing a \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons (of metered water use) per month rather than considering a graduated rate increase. The consensus of the council members present was to ask the clerk and city attorney to have a draft ordinance available for the next council meeting for consideration of this proposal.

Alderman Grim reported that next step with the proposed Eagle Scout project was to have the mayor sign the the scout workbook as was approved by the council.

The council discussed the request from the Mount Carroll Bowling Center JULY EVENT for a street closing and special event permit to have alcohol served and a band perform in front of the business on July 20, 2019. Mr. Len Anderson of the monthly Car Cruise events expressed his concern as this was on the same day as the July Car Cruise event. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmarek seconded to table this matter to the next meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members in attendance.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the RESIGNATION letter of resignation from Mr. Greg Klopping from the City water and sewer department (effective June 20, 2019). The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Kaczmarek seconded to approve the placement of an ad in the newspaper to advertise that the City would be taking applications for a new employee for the water and sewer department. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.

Under general audience Alderman Risko reported of the May 29th GENERAL AUDIENCE Thomson prison community relations meeting and noted with the hiring of new staff the request to the communities the needs for housing, day care centers and good quality schools was presented by the warden. Mr. Len Anderson presented the council a combined donation of \$1,025 this evening to go towards the Stone House project for the purchase of the 1800 covered wagon structure. He reported that Mr. Chris Rogers was completing the tuckpointing and working on the porch of the house structure. The council discussed the letter from Scott Alexander regarding his information and use of the Bubble and Bean Food Truck business in Mount Carroll. City Attorney Ronald Coplan did note that he should

register his information about the business, provide copies of his food licensing that he has with the county and state, and provide insurance coverage information. Clerk Cuckler to contact Mr. Alexander about the information needed to be provided to the City.

Alderman Risko read a letter to the council from a resident within his SPECIAL USE PERMIT
Ward 3:

“Enclosed I have included all paperwork that has gone through the City for a Special Use Permit for Robert and Ginger Law since 1999. I believe that when the property was transferred from Robert and Ginger Law to Reid Law in September 2018 he should have applied for a special use permit in his name or business. To my understanding special use permits are not automatically transferred to new property owners. I am not against Reid Law continuing his business but he should have to apply for a special use permit just like you would make any other business. And as tax paying property owners we should be notified of the terms and conditions and make sure they are followed since this is where we live and it affects our property values.”

Alderman Risko asked about having this matter on the agenda for the next meeting for the council to discuss and review. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that since the mayor was not here this evening and they have talked about this matter as he and the mayor have received a copy of this letter also; he would like to speak with the mayor again to put together a formal opinion. He stated his preference would be that the chairs of the committees and the mayor be in agreement to have something on the council’s agenda.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT
the meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.
Alderman Grim adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the July 9, 2019 regular meeting with the following amendment:

The last sentence in the second paragraph on page 3 be deleted and read as follows:

“He stated his preference would be that the chairs of the committee and the mayor listen to their council members and agree that there is enough interest within the council that something be put on the agenda.”

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector