

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Diane Bausman rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER  
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Paul Kaczmariski, ROLL CALL  
present, Doug Bergren, present, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and  
Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to MINUTES  
approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski,  
yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The  
motion was carried.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2019 as approved by the  
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim,  
yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$693,548.03 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the October 8<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
STREETS  
1. Reported of the roadway work completed and the dump truck box repair was also completed.  
2. Alderman Elliott presented the streets committee recommendation PUMPKIN FEST  
to approve the request from the Chamber Pumpkin Fest Committee for the street closures  
of North Main Street from the Pharmacy Center corner to Pleasant Street and West Rapp Street  
from North Main to North Carroll Street from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 26, 2019.  
Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, here, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and  
Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.  
3. Superintendent Dauphin noted that the bushes at the entrance of the City cemetery had been  
trimmed.  
4. Discussion of the proposed downtown sidewalk project. The SIDEWALK PROJECT  
engineers provided a cost estimate for their services in the amount of \$46,600. The design would  
provide a couple of phases in the project to give the City the option to complete what is feasible  
with the Revolving Loan Fund grant funds and then develop a plan for future phases of the  
project. Noted there was questionable County participation for the area around the court house  
square that would be determined to be their property. Alderman Elliott presented the streets  
committee recommendation to approve the agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to  
complete the downtown sidewalk design at the cost not to exceed \$46,600.. Roll call vote:  
Alderman Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, yes.  
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.  
5. Discussed the purchase of new trees for this year. Noted that the quote from Kalina  
Landscaping was at \$300 per tree. To schedule a tree board meeting soon to consider this matter.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 8<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE  
1. Chief Scott Marth reviewed the monthly report for September regarding the following:  
A. The upgrade of the computer backup system for the PD

B. Reported of making contact with the State Local Records Management Division to update the police department records inventory. This would allow the department to make application to dispose of unnecessary and outdated records.

C. Reported of a need for garage storage for the second squad car for this winter if possible.

D. Reported information about part time officers' wages and wage rates.

E. Noted his review of the CodeRed system to date.

F. Reported of his review of officer training requirements with the Illinois Training and Standards Board.

G. Reviewed his research regarding the marijuana legalization issue and commented as follows: "After this initial research I find no compelling reason to recommend, due to any law enforcement concerns, that the council disallow retail establishments. We will adapt and work with our business partners to provide a safe business environment for their customers regardless of what products they choose to sell."

H. Handicapped parking space request by Ivey Monument business.

Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation to approve to draft an ordinance to designate a handicapped parking space on North Carroll Street at the corner by the Ivey Monument business. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that the finance committee was not able to review the agenda items for their meeting as time ran out to start the regular meeting this evening. The accounts payable were approved earlier, but there was another agenda item to consider.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the IEPA Loan Disbursement Request #3 in the amount of \$479,893.10 which includes the MSA Professional Services, Inc. Invoice #5-\$19,485.44 and the Leander Construction Pay Application #1-\$460,407.66. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported he had talked with the IDOT      OLD BUSINESS  
bridge contact for the City's district about the IL Route 78 bridge lighting. The state would not be able to provide any funding or resources to help replace the current lights. He did provide some information about a couple of electrical contractors that might have the equipment to fix the lights and commented it would be up to the City to remove, fix or replace the lights that are on this bridge. Mayor Bates stated he would contact the local electric contractor about his quote from a few months ago to update that and contact Jo Carroll Energy about any suggestions or options for this matter.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance to report on the progress of the Stone House building and outdoor improvements. The fundraising to date has brought in \$68,668 since last year. Discussion was held regarding some of the security to be considered.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve the road block solicitation request from the Heartland Pet Welfare organization for October 19, 2019. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Discussion about the City's existing TIF district and consideration      TIF DISTRICT  
to develop a new TIF district. Mr. Dan Pepin of Community Funding and Planning Services (CFPS) was in attendance to review the proposal submitted by his business with consulting TIF attorney Kathleen

Field Orr & Associates to provide all of the services towards the revisions of the City's TIF #1 and towards the creation and adoption of a TIF #2 district for the City of Mount Carroll at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Mayor Bates reported he would be meeting with the West Carroll School Board to present the information about this proposal this month. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the proposal to consider the revision to the City's existing TIF District along with the preparation of a new TIF District and associated eligibility study and redevelopment plan for the City of Mount Carroll, Illinois pending approval from other taxing districts. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

The council members present reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding from the Carroll County Transit Authority about a proposed agreement with the City in the event of a community emergency the City would need to request assistance from the transit authority to help with an evacuation or transportation of citizens during a specified community incident or emergency. The council noted that in the paragraph "Authority of Command" where it stated the Fire Chief/Emergency Manager they wanted that changed to the "Mayor". Also they directed the clerk to have a copy of this reviewed by the city attorney.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the following:

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Chamber of Commerce newsletter
2. Illinois Department of Revenue information about the retailers' occupation taxes on retail sales of cannabis
3. Illinois Comptroller's Office information about the 2019 Local Government Reporting Training Programs at local communities this fall

Alderman Powers left the council chambers at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Bates stated he would have the discussion to consider the city's options regarding the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 22, 2019 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector