

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Samantah Pidde 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 Kaczmarski, ROLL CALL  
present, Doug Bergren, present, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to MINUTES  
approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. 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 October 2019 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Risko and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT  
totaling \$728,371.89 as of today.

Mayor Bates reported from the October 21<sup>st</sup> tree board meeting: COMMITTEES  
TREE BOARD  
1. The board was recommending the purchase of new trees to replace many of the lost trees this last couple of years due to the Ash borer and storm damages. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmarski seconded to approve the purchase of up to 10 new trees from McCormick Nursery in Sterling, IL at a cost not to exceed \$600. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim reported of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER  
meeting:  
1. Superintendent Zink reported of attending the IL Rural Water Association Conference today and tomorrow in Rockford, IL.  
2. Reported of projects and issues for the month:  
A. Working on fire hydrant repairs and replacement.  
B. Repaired two curb stop water shut off valves and maintained two water leaks this month.  
C. Noted the deterioration of the sewer line from the Center Street lift station to Main Street. Completed the repairs needed todate. Consensus of the committee to ask MSA to review what would be needed to upgrade that sewer line.  
D. Nicor has installed the antenna on the water tower. Noted some concern about whether there would be any frequency interference with the City's water meter reading device as some other towns have mentioned this as a problem.  
E. Purchased a new flouride pump for the water system. Cost \$600.  
F. Discussed the water leak in the property area of the trailer court. Consensus to authorize the superintendent to to notify the owners about the issue and direct their attention to correct this as soon as possible.  
G. Jared Fluhr and Steve Haring from MSA were in attendance and reported of the progress

of the construction at the wastewater treatment plant facility and noted the work completed to date on the downtown sidewalk project.

- H Discussion about the batting cage materials out in the open at the sewer plant area. The committee asked the mayor to find a solution to the storage or moving of the materials for the winter.
- I. Superintendent Zink reported they had to put new tires on the pick up truck and he thought the City might need to send out another cross connection survey to the residents this year.

Mayor Bates reported of the discussion about the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act held during the license and ordinance committee meeting.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the October 22, 2019 finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the lease to purchase a new Sharp brand networked black & white and color copier from SBM of Sterling, IL at the cost of \$133.81 per month with the total protection maintenance program. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. NEW COPY MACHINE

Under old business Mayor Bates reported he had talked with a two contractors about the Route 78 bridge lighting project. To consider some temporary lighting until spring. Should have some more cost information at the next meeting. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Nancy Gmitro was in attendance and reported of the current work at the Stone House. The council discussed the security camera install for the Stone House. Mayor Bates noted the quote for \$1,400. The consensus of the council members present was to approve to move forward on this project and to commit to up to \$700 from the City funds.

Mayor Bates reported that he had attended the last school board meeting to discuss the TIF district changes being proposed. He noted that they voiced a willingness to continue discussion on this matter. Mayor Bates noted that the next item on the agenda was the discussion to authorize the mayor to coordinate with the city attorney the date for a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of East Commercial Street in the 300 block. The consensus of the council members present was to set the date for a special meeting of the council for the public hearing on November 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in city hall in order to meet the notice publication requirement. PUBLIC HEARING

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the following: CORRESPONDENCE

1. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Fall Summit Information
2. Whiteside County Economic Development meeting on October 30, 2019 in Rock Falls, IL to discuss the 5G Wireless Technology opportunities

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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

Julie A. Cuckler

City Clerk & Collector