

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Haring 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, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Kim of the Mount Carroll Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the November 26, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski,  
yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1  
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 December 2019 as approved by  
the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes,  
Kaczmarski, yes, and Powers, 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 \$1,285,595.69 as of today. COMMITTEES

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 10<sup>th</sup> police committee POLICE  
meeting:

1. Reviewed the November activity report with Chief Marth.  
\*Reported the 2017 squad would soon be scheduled for repair after the accident with a deer.  
\*The new hotspot wifi equipment with US Cellular was installed and working better in the vehicles.  
\*Noted some issues with a laptop and some of the software with the county.  
\*Expressed the department's appreciation to the council for this year's salary increases and noted the new hire he was recommending for the part time roster.  
\*Reported of recent contact from the Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission about some funding changes that would be presented to the departments in the future for training.
2. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation NEW HIRE  
to hire Mr. Dustin Lawson as a part time police patrol officer. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Bergren reported that the committee reviewed the proposed ordinance designating a parking space for persons with disabilities (on Carroll Street). The committee members agreed to present the ordinance as drafted to the council for consideration.  
Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to take from the table Ordinance No. 2019-11-6 as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent.  
Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2019-11-6, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PARKING SPACES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, no, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, no, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 2

noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2019-11-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.

Alderman Elliott reported of the December 10<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Current projects are street sweeping and fall clean up at the cemetery.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported he was checking on cost for new tires for the one backhoe.
3. Discussion on the holiday decorations. Concerns about the US flags on the light poles with the wreaths. After discussion Alderman Bergren stated he would contact the American Legion members about some different options for the continuous display of the US flags on the lamp posts from Memorial Day to Pearl Harbor remembrance day on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that one of the future equipment needs for the department would be a new backhoe.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the December 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the placement of the holiday in the Mirror Democrat at the cost of \$112. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. HOLIDAY AD
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the request of \$400 from the City band fund for the Music on the Square Winter Series programs. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MUSIC ON THE SQUARE
4. The finance committee reviewed the TIF disbursements for this year. The mayor wished to have a consideration to set aside \$8,000 for the purchase of a new squad car next year. He noted that the TIF consulting attorney might have a suggestion about that and that would also change the total to be used to transfer to the debt service fund for the water improvements project. The consensus was to approve all of the other disbursements as agreed to be put into the accounts payable for the next meeting. Aldermen Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the following TIF disbursements for this year as follows: To the State Bank of Pearl City (Mt. Carroll Banking Center) \$7,242, Pins4Cruisin (Mt. Carroll Bowling Alley) \$1,375, Schneider House \$1,000, Mt. Carroll Café \$1,000, City BDD Fund for the Kraft Building Project loan \$6,950, 110 Market Street, LLC \$2,500, Ryan Handel DBA Elite Mobile Concepts \$885, Kunes' Country Auto Group \$1,500, Christina Jacobs (Tina's Ice Cream & Riverview Antiques) \$2,084, Northern Hospitality, LLC \$4,000, City Capital Improvement Fund for Benton Street W&S improvements \$6,500, JJ \$ Freddie's, Inc. \$2,470, City General Fund for legal expenses and dues to the TIF Association \$3,443. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. TIF DISBURSEMENTS

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported of the upcoming court appearances in January for the vacant properties and the nuisance complaint. Nancy Gmitro and Len & Linda Anderson were in attendance and reported of the open house during the tour of homes, presented cash donations of \$57.00, and expressed concerns about the highway traffic at the intersection of Route 78 and State Street. What are some of the options to improve visibility and provide a safer access off and onto the highway there where the Stone House is located. Expressed a need for a future site visit to review this matter. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Steve Haring, MSA, was in attendance and reported that a site plan for the Downtown Sidewalk Project should be completed soon and presented to Sharon Pepin of CFPS for making application of the CDAP grant.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and noted he had provided a draft of the proposed adult-use cannabis ordinances for the council to consider. Consensus of the council members in attendance to change the distance limitation from 1,500 feet to 300 feet. Mayor Bates stated he would like to have this on the agenda for the next meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to **RAFFLE LICENSE** approve the raffle license for the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, here, and Powers, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 present, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve **IEPA LOAN REQUEST** the IEPA Loan Request #5 that includes the Leander Construction Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$532,688.33, the MSA Professional Services Invoice #7 in the amount of \$32,890.85, and the CFPS, Inc. Invoice #2 in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a total of \$573,079.18. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Mr. James Meador, owner of Henry's Double **GENERAL AUDIENCE** K restaurant and bar asked about the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district and whether a business or property owner could ask to be left out of the district when the boundaries are developed. Mayor Bates stated he would meet with Mr. Meador to discuss that matter in more detail. Mr. Steve Haring of MSA expressed the holiday greetings and the mayor acknowledged that MSA provided some refreshments for this evening.

Mayor Bates stated he wished to schedule a meeting in January of the **DAVIS TRUST** Council to have a sort of "work session" just to talk about the Davis Trust. He stated that the attorney for the trust had sent a notice of a hearing before the circuit court scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. to consider the petition to Appoint an Additional Trustee. City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported he has had several discussions with Mr. Ed Mitchell the attorney for the trust. He noted there were a couple of questions regarding the list of beneficiaries that are requiring clarification. Once the new appointment has been determined he felt the trustees might ask the court for guidance on those matters.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the following: **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Mount Carroll Chamber newsletter
4. A letter from Mediacom Communications Corporation regarding cable television rate changes

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn **ADJOURNMENT** the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 19, 2019 re-scheduled regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector