

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Amy Buss 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, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and
Joe Grim, absent.
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Regarding the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting Alderman Risko asked to comment and stated he had a change he would like to talk about. He stated on page 3 of the minutes the last sentence before the adjournment paragraph it was presented as follows: "He (meaning City Attorney Coplan) 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." He stated he listened to the recording of the meeting and he stated that was not exactly the way that comment was meant. He stated it was presented as his preference was that the mayor listen to the committee chairs about the issues that need to be tended to and not let it fester. There was also the comment that a special use permit was peculiar to a specified owner. He stated he would like someone else to review this issue by listening to the recording and make the corrections. Maybe it would be possible to get a transcript. Alderman Risko moved to table the minutes till we get it (section on page three identified as special use permit) clarified and Alderman Powers seconded. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, 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 Elliott seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2019 as approved by the
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, 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 \$539,000.08 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the June 25th water & sewer committee COMMITTEES
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Zink reported that another of the bio disc units BIO DISC REPAIRS
was down as the shaft had broken. Only one unit in service right now. Working on the repair
on one other unit that was doable. In discussion the committee members present asked the
superintendent to get estimates to repair the shafts in the other two units that were out of
service.
2. Discussed the Benton Street extension project. Delayed at this time due to weather and
sewer plant maintenance issues.
3. Superintendent Zink asked about scheduling the pulling of well #4. No action taken this evening.
4. Superintendent Zink stated that before construction starts on the NEW CONSTRUCTION
wastewater treatment facility the batting cage would need to be relocated somewhere else at the
park, and had that been determined yet? To contact the ball program organizers for some of
their input on this matter and consider a site visit to look at the area.
5. Alderman Elliott presented the water and sewer committee ORDINANCE NO.
recommendation to pass Ordinance No. 2019-6-4, AN ORDINANCE 2019-6-4

RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER USE CHARGES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2019-6-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of the Council members present.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the June 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the financing for the new one ton truck and reviewed LOAN FOR TRUCK the quotes from the local banks. The financing of \$82,266 for the purchase of the truck, box, snow plow mount, snow plow and controls.
The Mount Carroll Banking Center (State Bank of Pearl City) was at 3% quoting for 72-months
The Savanna-Thomson State Bank was at 3.60% for a 3 year term presenting the monthly and annual payment options
The TBK Bank was at 4.75% for a 36-month loan with monthly payments
Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation to approve and pursue the State Bank of Pearl City proposal with the 3% interest rate and ask for a 36-month payment plan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$12,000 from the City special tax allocation fund (TIF Fund) to the City general fund to be used towards the purchase of the new squad vehicle and the new dump truck. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Discussed whether there was any word from the State of Illinois regarding the increase in the motor fuel tax funds and what might be coming to the City from this action. It was noted that the City had not received any correspondence on that matter to date.
5. Discussed the start up of the CodeRed community notification system. Chief Cass stated that the link was set up on the website for the residents to get registered. Posters and Facebook posting have been done to get the word out. Chief Cass stated that a full system test has been scheduled for the morning of July 11th.

Under old business the council members present discussed the demolition OLD BUSINESS of the Market Street building and the needed clean up to complete the project. To contact Law's Excavating about this matter.

The consensus of the council members present was to table the NICOR GAS AGREEMENT agreement with Nicor Gas until the next meeting to identify the cancellation clause.

Mayor Bates reported that it was still his task to contact the State Department of Transportation regarding the IL Route 78 bridge lighting repairs.

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. Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the street closing in the Main Street block in front of the bowling alley business. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the special event permit for the Mount Carroll Bowling Center to hold the outdoor music event on July 20, 2019. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Grim, absent. Vote:

5 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve RAFFLE LICENSES
the raffle licenses for the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce and Mount Carroll Fire Department.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, here, Risko, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, and
Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Ms. Amy Buss, E. State Road, was in attendance GENERAL AUDIENCE
and addressed the council about the Law's Excavating property next to her to the east located in the 500
block of E. Benton Street. She stated she was aware that this business had been there for a long time, but
was asking how they could be approached about cleaning up the property. She stated this was approved
~~with a special use permit when the parents got the property in 1999 and she was aware that they~~
transferred the ownership to the son Reid Law about nine months ago. She reported that some of the
conditions of the permit included spraying for dust control, which had not been done only twice in the
first year; the trees that were planted all died or never took hold; the fencing was never put up that she
was aware of; there was an enter and exit or in and out sign posted at one time and they were not there
any longer. She noted that the city had brought in some gravel along the west side of the property to help
with the dust control, but that was no longer a help. She noted there appeared to be quite a bit of
equipment that might not be usable or operational. She stated she felt he, Reid, should be required to
make application to the city regarding the special use permit for review of the conditions. In discussion,
Alderman Powers stated that the City did have rules and appreciated Ms. Buss bringing this matter up
and it was incumbant upon the council to see that these issues were addressed. Mayor Bates stated that
he was also aware of this matter from a couple of months ago, and he stated he had talked with the
property owner a couple of times and briefly talked with Mr. Law today. He wanted to meet with him at
the property and talk with the city attorney again to consider the scope of the clean up and whether he
needed to go through the process of the special use permit. Alderman Risko asked if this meant that this
would be on the agenda, and stated he felt it was applicable that he (Mr. Law) go for a special use
permit, and he wanted to see the property cleaned up. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance
and stated he understood the council had the will to enforce what was needed to be done with this
matter. He stated he felt the first step was as the mayor has done to contact Mr. Law. The next step was
to escalate the pressure in presenting the actions to be taken to see the property come into compliance
within the zoning classification. He stated there might be other approaches to consider for the
enforcement if there were no noticable results. Mayor Bates stated he would like to meet with Mr. Law
again to go over more what was presented recently, and he would work with the city attorney to
continue to move the process forward. The council members present expressed their appreciation to Ms.
Buss for attending this evening's meeting.

Mr. Chris Rogers was in attendance and reported of the covered wagon structure to be purchased for
placement at the Stone House property.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from Moring CORRESPONDENCE
Disposal, Inc. reporting the pick up of 24,820 pounds of recycling materials during the month of May
2019.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT
the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko,
yes, and Grim, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:06
p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 9, 2019 regular meeting.
Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector