

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Sam 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, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and
Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Kaczmarski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to MINUTES
approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 and June 25, 2019 regular meetings. Alderman Risko asked to
have considered a proposed amendment to the June 11, 2019 minutes (on page 3) to more accurately
provide what was said. On page 3, second paragraph, last sentence, change to: "He stated his preference
would be that the chairs of the committees 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." Alderman Risko moved
and Alderman Bergren seconded to amend the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting with the above
stated change to quote as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, no, Bergren, yes, Powers,
yes, Elliott, no, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried.
Mayor Bates stated the motion to approve the minutes would be accepting the June 11, 2019 minutes as
amended and the June 25, 2019 minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers,
yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was
carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$484,888.57 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the July 9th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS

1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of street sweeping projects and seal coating by the
County crew in the Frey Addition this week.
2. Estimate of South Jackson Street tear out and resurfacing with blacktop.
With Law's Excavating proposed to do the tear out of the pavement; the city crew then bring in
the rock; Law's would level out the rock base; the city crew would do the blacktopping. The
area of street being from where the resurfacing was completed recently to the north side of the
Alma Street intersection. Total cost \$35,000.00.
Superintendent Dauphin noted that he was planning to level out a couple of streets this year
that has not held up well to the weather and would look to plan more seal coating projects
with the county over the next few years. Alderman Bergren asked whether another contractor
could be approached about the tear out and leveling of the South Jackson Street project. The
consensus of the committee was to ask the superintendent to get information from another
contractor to the street committee chair so he could present it at the next council meeting in
two weeks. Discussed the planning process and what could be considered for the improvement of
the brick streets.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 9th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Discussed the publicity about the CodeRed set up and initiation. To ask Chief Cass if he could present an update at the next meeting.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the July 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the recommendation from the LOAN FOR TRUCK finance committee to approve the resolution to authorize the mayor and Alderman Kaczmariski to sign the loan documents with the State Bank of Pearl City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, present, Bergren, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried
4. Superintendent Zink reported that they would be done with the repair of the one bio disc unit sometime this week. To consider the purchase of a used bio disc unit the cost was about \$60,000 and a new unit would be about \$160,000. He did not have any costs yet to confirm installation. Mayor Bates reported he had talked with the engineers and Sharon Pepin's firm about where there might be some emergency funding for some of the unfortunate equipment break downs of late. Superintendent Zink reported that the boiler at the plant would need to be replaced it was not operable at all and the high end cost to replace would be \$10,000.
5. 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.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported he had contacted the state OLD BUSINESS department of transportation office about the lighting on the bridge, but had not talked with the staff person that could answer the questions yet.

The council discussed the tall weeds and grass at the former school TALL WEEDS & GRASS property located in the 300 block of South Main Street. Mayor Bates stated that the chief and the clerk have made contact with the owner and he was given a quoted from a local landscaper regarding the cost to clean up the school property as well as the property located along Carrolltom Boulevard. Mayor Bates stated he would contact the owner again. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to table this matter to the next council meeting. 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.

The council discussed the revolving loan fund closeout and process RLF CLOSE OUT to pursue the funding for infrastructure projects. Mayor Bates noted that the project that most agreed upon was the sidewalk project in the downtown around the county courthouse. There were some engineering questions and a few other items for the application process. To get those clarified and report back to the council.

Under correspondence Clerk Cuckler reported that the state had CORRESPONDENCE approved the placement of an award sign for a local school student; however the communities would be required to purchase the signs. To report back at the next meeting about whether the school was still interested and what the costs might be.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 23, 2019 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler

City Clerk & Collector