

MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Chris Rogers 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  
absent, Doug Bergren, present, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.  
Alderman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to MINUTES  
approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott 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, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, and Kaczmariski, 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 \$615,077.01 as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> water & sewer committee COMMITTEES  
meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Zink reported of the current projects and maintenance work. The lift station structure was installed to the property on East Benton Street and the water and sewer main extension work would begin this week. The second bio-disc unit at the sewer plant was now operating so there are two units working at this time. He stated the cost estimate to consider purchasing a used bio-disc unit was at \$81,844 with the removal cost of \$8,200 and no firm cost for the installation. Reported that the new boiler had been installed at the sewer plant. Now there has been a break down of the circulating pump. To repair or replace this pump could cost up to \$8,500 but the main problem was not having a back up while the bad one was being repaired or replaced. He stated he was working with the engineers and one of the vendors to come up with some options. Noted there was some other equipment at the sewer plant that should be able to be repaired with a welding project at this time. He reported that they would be scheduling to pull the meter and fill in the manhole area to the line that services the old school property in the 300 block of South Main Street. Right now the area has been covered with a barricade from the erosion. That could be filled now and any future work to service the property would need a complete replacement, which it would have needed anyway. He reported that they were investigating the relocation of the sewerage holding tank located in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.
2. Discussed the pulling of well #4 and Superintendent Zink recommendation to schedule for this year. Deferred this matter to the finance committee for the next meeting.
3. Superintendent Zink reported that a representative from Maguire Iron would like to present information about a yearly savings plan to prepare for the funding of the painting of the City's water tower structure. He stated the details would be presented at a future meeting.
4. Alderman Grim presented the water and sewer committee WWTP FACILITY PROJECT

recommendation to authorize the mayor to execute the Notice to Award, the Construction Contract, and the Notice to Proceed documents for the wastewater treatment facility project contingent upon approval to do so by Community Funding & Planning Services (CFPS), MSA and the IEPA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

5. Alderman Grim presented the water & sewer committee recommendation to authorize the Mayor to schedule the Preconstruction Conference and groundbreaking event for the wastewater treatment facility project contingent upon approval to do so by CFPS, MSA and IEPA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Grim reported of the applications that had been submitted to date to be considered to fill the vacancy in the water and sewer department. He would be scheduling interviews in the first week of August with the superintendent.

Alderman Risko reported of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFER to approve the interfund loan transfer of \$10,000 from the City insurance fund to the City enterprise funds. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Risko presented the finance committee recommendation CONTRIBUTION to contribute \$250 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department for the fireworks event. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. No action taken after discussion to contribute to an upcoming suicide prevention fundraiser.

Alderman Powers reported of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> license and ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. The committee discussed the matter of the tall weeds and overgrowth at the old school property on South Main Street. Mayor Bates stated he had talked with the owner again and he was agreeable to pay for the landscaper to clean up this property. Alderman Powers began a discussion about establishing a different or a higher fee structure for penalties to be assessed upon the City's ordinance violations. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that he would look into the matter of civil penalties in the code and come back with some suggestions.
2. Other properties discussed were the Boyd properties on West Market Street. City Attorney Ronald Coplan commented the county had made notice for property taxes the one parcel with the demolished building recently. He stated he would checking on how this would affect a lien that the City would be filing. City Attorney Coplan reported that regarding the Law property on East Benton Street a formal notice had been sent to Mr. Law on July 19<sup>th</sup>. When asked about the former Kraft building at the corner of Main and Market Street, Mayor Bates reported that the MCEDG committee was scheduling a meeting to consider this matter.
3. Discussed the information from the Illinois Municipal League about the passage of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and resources to consider when determining the local regulation of adult-use cannabis.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan and Mayor Bates reported OLD BUSINESS that there was a signed final draft of the Nicor Lease Agreement to install antenna on the City water tower. He stated since we got this just today it would be available for the next meeting.

Chief Cass reported of the July 11<sup>th</sup> CodeRed test mass notification. Of the 3,062 attempted calls there

were 728 that connected and 217 Texts that were delivered. He stated he felt there still needed to be a push to encourage more of the residents to at least check out the system. He stated the ones that are receiving the messages have been expressing very positive reactions.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the **LOAN AGREEMENT** loan agreement for the Wastewater Project: L175502 and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the funding of the new wastewater treatment improvement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Powers seconded to approve the **RAFFLE LICENSE** raffle license for the Friends of the Mount Carroll Library. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to purchase the **AWARD SIGNS** two award signs to recognize the 2019-FFA Small Animal Production & Care State Champion Olivia Charles from Compliance Signs of Chadwick, IL at a cost of \$260.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Clerk Cuckler reported that the school superintendent did state that the school would reimburse the City for one half of this cost.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the **PHONE SYSTEM** change with the City's phone system for the various office telephones to the Verizon Wireless company leaving the SCADA system lines out of the change at a monthly cost of the proposed \$545 plus taxes. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Mr. Chris Rogers and Nancy Gmitro reported **GENERAL AUDIENCE** of the progress with the Stone House Memorial Park. Most of the tuckpointing was completed and they would be putting in the windows soemtime this week. There was \$104 in donations received at the Car Cruise night event this month. Ms. Gmitro asked about getting some signage and no objections were voiced by the council members in attendance.

Under correspondence the mayor reported of the following: **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Moring Disposal, Inc. report of recyclable materials picked up. 17,340 lbs.
2. Annual Report of the Blackhawk Hill Regional Council **POLICE CHIEF**
3. Mayor Bates announced he received a letter of resignation from Police Chief Fred Cass last night (July 22, 2019) presenting his two weeks notice. Mayor Bates asked the council to consider a police committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss this matter. The council members present expressed their regret of this matter, but expressed their appreciation to the chief and wished him the best in the future. A police committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in city hall.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn **ADJOURNMENT** the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes, and Kaczmariski, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 13, 2019 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector