

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Kevin Ryan 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
present, Doug Bergren, present, Kevin Powers, present, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and
Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Kaczmariski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Rhett Simkins of the Living Water Fellowship gave the invocation.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to MINUTES
approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes,
Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion
was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$568,987.19 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the August 13th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of the current projects and maintenance work. They would be
working on replacing some collapsed tubes starting this week. He noted that the other
contractor he contacted about the South Jackson Street project was quoting quite a bit higher
than the last one so he was going to contact both again and make sure the scope of work
was the same. He reported of the East Benton Street water and sewer construction. He had
contacted Extreme Tree to start the removal of the hazardous trees. Setting a limit of \$5,000
that should be about eight trees. Alderman Risko stated that the tree board would also get
cost estimates to plant new trees sometime this fiscal year.
2. Discussed some community house improvements. Superintendent Dauphin to get quotes
for the outside painting of the building. The city crew would schedule to repair the handicapped
access ramp on the south side of the building and the concrete front steps. A local contractor,
Tony Timm has been contacted to replace the back door.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 29th and August 5th police committee POLICE
meetings:

1. Alderman Bergren reported that the committee had approved the CHIEF APPOINTMENT
Mayor's appointment of Mr. Scott Marth to fill the vacancy of the police chief position. The
committee reviewed the agreement presented and Alderman Bergren presented the police
committee recommendation to approve to hire Scott Marth as Chief of Police at pay grade 17 at
the 15-year experience level with the hourly rate of \$24.65 waiving the City's health insurance
coverage with the start date of August 15, 2019. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott,
yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The
motion was carried.
2. Mayor Bates reported that Chief Cass was scheduled to conduct a safety class at the
school on August 16th. This would be his last action as chief of police for the City.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the August 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee IEPA LOAN REQUEST #1 recommendation to approve the loan request #1 for IEPA Loan #5502 in the amount of \$710,429.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation IEPA LOAN to authorize the mayor to sign the IEPA State Revolving Fund Public Notification/Signage Requirement Certificate of Completion. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Discussed the pulling of well #4. Referred to the water & sewer committee for scheduling possibly first thing in the spring.
5. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee NEW HIRE FOR DEPUTY CLERK/ recommendation to hire Ms. Lisa Lewis to the deputy clerk/ TREASURER POSITION treasurer position at pay grade 8 at the entry level with the hourly rate of \$15.00 waiving the City's health insurance coverage. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Clerk Cuckler noted that Ms. Lewis would be starting after the Labor Day holiday.
6. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee NEW HIRE FOR WATER & SEWER recommendation to hire Mr. Alex Handel to the water & sewer operator position at the pay grade 9 at the entry level at the hourly rate of \$14.57 with the start date being August 26, 2019. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee PHEASANTS FOREVER recommendation to approve the contribution of \$100 to the Carroll County Chapter of the Pheasants Forever Scholarship fundraiser. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, here, and Kaczmariski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mr. Jeff Woodside was in attendance and thanked the council for the donation.
8. Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported of the Stone STONE HOUSE PROJECT House Memorial Park project. Contributions received and presented to the council this evening totalled \$350.00. Mr. Anderson reported that the Mount Carroll Rotary Club have committed to purchasing the new windows needed at a cost of \$3,000.00. Discussed getting an electric hook up set up at the property for security lighting and equipment use when needed.

Under old business Mayor Bates asked the council to consider OLD BUSINESS the final draft of the Nicor Lease Agreement to install antenna on the City water tower. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the lease agreement with Nicor Gas to install the antenna on the City water tower. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for TREATMENT PLANT August 20th starting at 11:30 a.m. for the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility. Discussed the tear down and storage of the batting cage at the park as this needs to be relocated with the new construction.

Mayor Bates reported that the engineers, Jill Pepin with CFPS, and representatives from the county would be meeting on the 20th also to discuss the RLF close out project proposed to include the replacement of some sidewalk around the county courthouse property.

Under general audience Mayor Bates reported that the City's consulting auditors would be coming to the next regular council meeting. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 27, 2019 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector