

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

Mr. Tom Sorg 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, absent, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Mr. Brian Hollenback and Jon Davidshofer of Economic Growth SHIMER SQUARE
Corporation were in attendance to update the council and community about the redevelopment of the former Shimer College campus. Reporting of the activities since they were last here in the spring. The publicity and the naming of the facility started over the Mayfest event. "Shimer Square" Mr. Hollenback reported in July they brought in licensed curators to look at the buildings and catalog all significant items within the buildings and in August the historic review was approved to move forward with certain funding for Part 1. This month they are starting the Capital Campaign of the funding with a goal of \$500,000 per year for five years. He reported of the seven layers of financing and the first phase of redevelopment of the former Hatheway and Bennett buildings to studio and one-bedroom apartments. There will be a new sign on the property and a website with up to date information and more information about the Capital Drive. The council member present thanked mr. Hollenback and Mr. Davidshofer for attending today's meeting.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to MINUTES
approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, 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 August 2019 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, and Risko, 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 \$1,175,436.95 as of today.

Alderman Elliott reported of the September 10th streets committee meeting:

COMMITTEES
STREETS

1. Discussed the roadway improvements. To delay the South Jackson Street improvements until next spring, tearing out and improving Strickler Avenue as soon as possible, and noted the replacement of collapsed tubes on Silk Street and Aspen Drive.
2. Discussed the mowing and status of the equipment use this summer.
3. Discussed the community house improvements to complete before winter.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 10th police committee meeting:

POLICE

1. Noted some of the activity this month.
2. Discussed the CodeRed system and some of the improvements to the computer system in the office.
3. Discussed the school detail.

4. Discussed the cage unit installed in the new police squad car. This was provided by the City of Savanna as a surplus item from their inventory. Chief Marth to check on what the cost would be to reimburse the City of Savanna for this.
5. Mr. Len Anderson reported of the open house type event they were scheduling for September 29th at the Stone House Memorial Park. He asked about some police presence to help with any traffic control concerns.

Alderman Kaczmariski reported of the September 10th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Kaczmariski presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND to authorize the interfund transfer of \$10,000 from the City Enterprise TRANSFER Fund to the City Insurance Fund to pay back a loan. Roll call vote: Alderman Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Discussed the new phone system options with the non-emergency police department phone.

Under old business City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance OLD BUSINESS and reported of filing the complaint with the circuit court today against Mr. Law regarding the property located on Benton Street with the excavating business. He also noted that he had provided some information about the new cannabis laws adopted by the State of Illinois for the council to review. He stated he would work on some proposed ordinances to review as well.

Mr. Chris Rogers and Mr. Len Anderson were in attendance to report on the progress of the Stone House building and outdoor improvements. Mr. Rogers stated that the hook up fee from Jo Carroll Energy would be around \$600, and then the City would have a monthly electric service charge which should be minimal to start out. The council members in attendance voiced their approval to proceed with the hook up of the electric to the Stone House property. Noted the September 29th event to invite the community to see all of the improvements at the Stone House.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the COMMUNITY HOUSE quote from Raisbeck Painting of Stockton, IL to wash, caulk and paint the outside of the community house building at the cost of \$7,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren read the Mayor's proclamation to acknowledge the 49th anniversary of the health-care services provided at the nursing center (formerly Good Samaritan Center) now continued by Allure of Mount Carroll and ask the community to attend the Open House event scheduled for Sunday September 22, 2019.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve the road block solicitation request from the Knights of Columbus organization for September 21, 2019. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Len Anderson and Jodie Wolber were in attendance to address the CAR CRUISE 2020 council about the plans for the 2020 Car Cruise Night Events. September 21st this year would be the last one for this year. Very successful this year even with some of the threats of bad weather. They are adding a May 10th event for next year with the other four nights. Expressed their request again this year for the City's sponsorship of the events to cover the insurance needs and commit to up to \$800.00 from the band fund for the music entertainment vendors for the four nights. Alderman Grim moved and

Alderman Kaczmariski seconded to approve the City sponsorship of the 2020 Car Cruise Night Events scheduled with the City's insurance coverage and expense of \$800.00 from the City band fund for the music entertainment. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmariski moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to approve IEPA LOAN REQUEST #2 the IEPA Loan Request #2 in the amount of \$27,388.00 for the MSA Construction Observation Invoice #4 for \$17,388.00 and the CFPS Loan Administration Invoice #1 for \$10,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Ms. Ronee Jo Law addressed the council GENERAL AUDIENCE about the "Mill Street Project" (wastewater treatment plant facility project). She stated as all is set up it was blocking her access to the berm along the pond which she understood she would have access and she wanted to have that matter fixed now rather than later. (She owns the property adjoining the City's to the south). The city attorney was supposed to have received a letter from the family's attorney (Kipp Meyers) about that earlier this year. City Attorney Coplan was in attendance and stated that he had not. She asked about the drilling of the wells on the City property, she stated she found a set of blueprints (of the project) and she was concerned about the discharge to be pumped from the wells was going to be routed to her pond. Mayor Bates stated that was not specified that way. She also complained about some loose food service containers she was finding on her property that must be coming from the contractors and workers on the site. She had tossed that debris back over the fence. Ms. Jeanne Schnitzler, Galena Street, was in attendance and asked about the proposed water main looping project in her area of town. Mayor Bates stated that was not going to be in this year's or next year's funding cycle. She stated she was still experiencing much rusty and colored water on occasion. When asked if it cleared some when the hydrant was flushed at the end of the block she stated it did help for awhile. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with the water and sewer superintendent about flushing that hydrant more often than once a month. She also asked about the golf cart regulations for use on the City streets. Mayor Bates referred her to the chief of police to review those regulations.

Alderman Powers moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to authorize the TBK BANK LOAN payment of the loan #100654248 to the TBK Bank in the amount of \$588,800.00 as soon as the funding was received from the IEPA loan request #1. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the following:

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Chamber meeting information for Thursday, September 12th at the Camp Benson

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Elliott, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmariski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the September 24, 2019 regular meeting by the Mount Carroll City Council.

Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector