

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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, present, ROLL CALL
Doug Bergren, present, Kevin Powers, absent, Jeff Elliott, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.

Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Parson Bob of the Mount Carroll Lutheran Church gave the invocation.
Mayor Bates introduced to the council Mr. Tim Zollinger of Ward, CITY ATTORNEY
Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. of Sterling, IL. Mr. Zollinger would be the main contact for legal counsel with the City.

Mr. Jon Davidshofer, Economic Growth Corporation was in attendance SHIMER SQUARE
to address the council with an update of the Shimer Square Project. He noted that the Mount Carroll Mayfest will again be on the property over the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. He reported of the status of the redevelopment of buildings for the housing projects in Phase 1 and 2 and of the meeting with US Congress Representative Cheri Bustos.

Alderman Elliott moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the January 23, 2020 special meeting and the February 11, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Kaczmarski moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Mayor Bates, yes, and Aldermen Powers, Elliott, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances were FINANCIAL REPORT
totaling \$629,858.53 as of today. COMMITTEES

Alderman Kaczmarski reported of the February 25th finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. Reviewed and approved the accounts payable with the change to the Core & Main LP invoices by removing the one totaling \$1,460.00. New total for Core & Main LP at \$2,827.52.
2. Discussed the employee health insurance. With some changes and renewal coming due soon the committee asked the clerk to contact the agent to see when he could attend a meeting in the near future.

Alderman Grim reported of the February 25th water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER
meeting:

1. Alderman Grim presented the water & sewer committee STUDY GUIDES
recommendation to approve the payment of \$125.00 to the Illinois Rural Water Association for water certification test workbook guides and instruction support for Operator Jon Armstrong. Roll call vote: Aldermen Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Superintendent Zink reported of equipment needs and the reminder for this next year's budget for the pulling of well #4 that would cost about \$26,000.
3. Superintendent Zink reported he would be meeting with the director for Shimer Square to locate some more of the water and sewer infrastructure on the property.
4. Mr. Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services, Inc. was in attendance and provided a project update for the wastewater treatment facility, the downtown sidewalks and the water main replacement & looping.

Mayor Bates reported that there was not enough time for the license CITY CODE REVIEW and ordinance committee meeting earlier this evening. The clerk reported that the American Legal Publishing Corporation had purchased Sterling Codifiers that was working on the city code update for the City. A draft manuscript and an editorial research and report document have been provided to the City to continue the review process. Mayor Bates stated he would try to schedule a meeting with the clerk before the next meeting to review these documents and work with the new city attorney as well. City Attorney Zollinger stated he would like an electronic copy of the code document if possible. He also reported that he had been in contact with former City Attorney Ron OLD BUSINESS Coplan to determine how to get the current active files for the City. The mayor noted that there were other court hearings besides the Davis Trust coming up regarding the vacant properties as well. Mayor Bates reported that a public hearing was scheduled for the next DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK Council meeting to move forward on the grant application for the downtown GRANT APPLICATION sidewalk replacement project.

Mayor Bates reported that the cost estimate that had been submitted by Eaton SURVEY Land Surveying for the property located along North Galena Street was not to exceed \$1,050.00. City Attorney Zollinger noted an option regarding the sale of surplus property in which the City would need to get an appraisal of the property and could make an offer to an interested party for 80% of that value. Mayor Bates stated he felt the City should also have the property boundaries defined on the ground. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to hire L.J. Eaton Land Surveying Ltd. to survey the property owned by the City along (the east side of) North Galena Street at a cost not to exceed \$1,050.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted the status hearing date on the Davis Trust was on DAVIS TRUST March 10th. City Attorney Zollinger reported that they had filed the attorney substitution for the City to the court and the trust attorney. Mayor Bates and Alderman Risko updated everyone on the road trip to Plainfield, IL on February 27th to conduct a tour of their community center.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the CITY ROADBLOCK City roadblock application from the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct the Candy Day fundraiser at the downtown and highway intersections on May 2, 2020. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, and Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson reported of the stone house GENERAL AUDIENCE improvements. When weather permits they would be completing the walkway and posting all of the signs. Alderman Grim reported that he had talked with the county highway engineer about the question the legion members had about the walking bridge on North Galena Street. He stated that the final changes to the gates and barriers would be presented to the council soon.

The council discussed two items for the next regular meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Elliott seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Bergren, yes, Elliott, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Aldermen Powers, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 10, 2020 regular meeting.
Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector