

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

April 6, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Alderman Ober, Alderman Link, Alderman LeVora, Alderman Brockmeier, Alderman Fogle, Alderman Reese, Mayor Doug Downey, City Clerk Mary Heller, Treasurer Bill Fanning, Police Chief Derek Graham, Bobbi Bates Zoning Administrator/Econ Dev/Grant Writing, City Attorney Don Craven.

ABSENT: Alderman Reichmann and Alderman Gracey.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:00 PM, Mayor Downey opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed issue of not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 of tax-exempt revenue bonds and the loan of the proceeds of such bonds to the Carlinville Area Hospital Association. The Carlinville Area Hospitals President CEO Brian Burnside, and the Board Chairman Dennis Pickrel spoke in favor of the City helping the Hospital with the bond and explained why the Hospital needs the City's help with this bond.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Ober to approve the minutes of the March 16th, 2026, Council Meeting and place on file, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve the bills and place on file by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Correspondence

Spirit Boosters / Krispy Kreme Donut's

Lions Club Food Drive / Shred Event

Motion was made that the 2 above correspondences are approved and placed on file by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Winning Community's/Chamber / Road Closures for Jubilee (6-26-26) – Jon Griffel President of the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce spoke about June 26, 2026, and the events that are planned for that day and night. They are requesting open container carry for the event, with following procedure and requesting road closure of 3/4 of the square and all the way down East Main to the end of the courthouse and S. East Street, leaving open space for businesses to get to the back of their businesses. Motion was made by Alderman Link to approve this request, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

****NOT ON AGENDA****

Jon Griffel President of the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce presented to the Council a \$10,000 request to help the Chamber for the 6-26-26 event on Carlinville's downtown square. Motion was

made by Alderman Link to help the Chamber with this event by providing them with \$10,000 out of the tourism fund, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Public Comment

Mayor Downey let the Alderman know that there is a printed budget in their mailboxes.

Alderman Ober reminded the Council and Public that it is time to start mowing.

Jerry Thomas addressed the Council about his concern of the changes to the pollinator ordinance.

Old Business

Ordinance Amending the Carlinville Zoning Code (Pollinators) – Motion was made to accept the ordinance amending the zoning code on pollinators by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Ordinance Amending the Carlinville Nuisance Code (Unlicensed Vehicles) – Motion was made to accept the ordinance amending nuisance code for unlicensed vehicles by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

2026 Façade Grant Approval – Motion was made to approve the 2026 Façade Grant applications for 6 local businesses in town for \$34,000.00 by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

New Business

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Downey read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion was made for the Mayor to sign the Proclamation by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Brockmeier, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

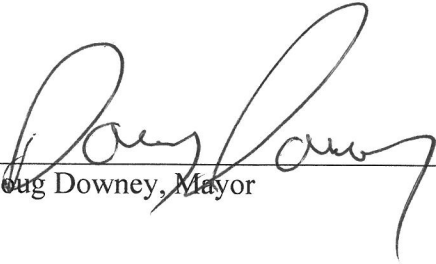
Consideration of a resolution authorizing the issue and sale of \$5,000,000.00 of tax-exempt revenue bonds and the loan of the proceeds of such bonds to the Carlinville Area Hospital Association and authorizing the execution and delivery of related bond documents – Motion was made to table this and take it to Finance for further discussion by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Alderman Link, motion passed 5-1, with Alderman Fogle voting nay.

Resolution / Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Regional Site Readiness Program – Planning – Motion was made to accept the Resolution / DCEO Regional Site Readiness Program-Planning by Alderman Link, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

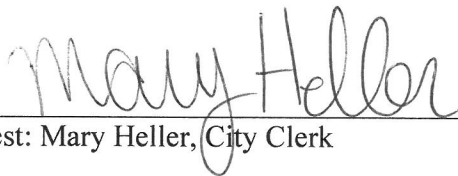
Water Bill Due Date – Motion was made to approve changing the due date of the monthly water bills to the 20th of the month by Alderman Brockmeier, seconded by Alderman Ober, motion passed unanimously. 6-0

Grant Update – Bobbi Bates the Zoning Administrator/Econ Dev/Grant Writer informed the Council about all the Grants received and the upcoming grants she is applying for. Bobbi also spoke about the Energy Transition Grant and how they are developing a Job Development Training.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Ober at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Alderman Fogle, motion passed unanimously. 6-0



Doug Downey, Mayor



Attest: Mary Heller, City Clerk