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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS,  
HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF  
FORMER CITY CLERK MARY E. CHASTEEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, members of the City Council, staff and employees of the City of Troy, Illinois, are saddened by the death of our friend and colleague, former City Clerk Mary E. Chasteen, who passed away on June 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Chasteen, 87, of Troy, was born December 2, 1932 in St. Louis, MO, and married Leroy “Ike” Chasteen on February 14, 1953; and they raised three children and had eight grandchildren, and were longtime residents of the City of Troy, with Ike Chasteen having served three terms as a Ward I Alderman in Troy from 1971 to 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Chasteen was first employed briefly by the City of Troy as a part-time dispatcher for the Troy Police Department, then served as a Troy Welcomes You ambassador, and finally, in 1983, began an 18-year career as City Clerk, replacing the retiring City Clerk Charmion Semanisin; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Chasteen served as City Clerk with Mayors Ron Criley, Velda Armes and Tom Caraker Sr., managed water fee collections and City sticker licensing, and oversaw the early years of a growing zoning department during a time of exponential population growth and development, including an expansion and consolidation of City services into the current City municipal building; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Troy is blessed to have so many archived items and regular business practices that have the special and professional touch of Clerk Chasteen, who attended the Municipal Clerk’s Institute for two years at the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University, earning the recognition of Certified Municipal Clerk in 1992 from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary – herself – best summed up the duties of a Troy municipal clerk, stating that it “require[s] an individual to possess diverse qualifications, experience, and ability to carry out the responsibilities,” including “an ability to care about, listen to, and work with the public, as well as the City Council, knowledge and ability of office duties, knowledge of state legislation affecting cities, local ordinances, the workings of the City, land use and economic development, among other things”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Chasteen was a faithful member of Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy, IL, was a member of Red Hats, Troy Women’s Club, Friedens Ladies Guild, IMRF and IMCA, and supported many charitable activities including the American Cancer Society annual Jail and Bail Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the service of Clerk Mary Chasteen is synonymous with accurately-reported minutes, precise record-keeping, and a professional approach that greatly aided the City of Troy at a time of high-growth within the both the administrative and service provisions of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary E. Chasteen is survived by her children, Donna Fulkerson of St. Jacob, IL, Steven (Sue) Chasteen of Highland, IL and Bryan (Hilary) Chasteen of Highland, IL; grandchildren, Cheri (Andy) Prusa, Bobbie (Heather) Fulkerson III, Kristyn (Mike) Cantu, Kaylee Chasteen, Collin Chasteen, Paige Kannall, Jackson Kannall and Logan Kannall; great-grandchildren, Jayda, Baylee, Layla and Brayden Fulkerson, Peyton, Paige and Lacey Cantu; her sister-in-law, Jan Keilbach and a host of other relatives and friends; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** The City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, mourns, along with her family, friends, and former constituents, the passing of Mary Chasteen, and communicate our deepest sympathies to her children Donna, Steven and Bryan.

**SECTION TWO:** The City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, provides that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of City Clerk Mary Chasteen as a symbol of our sincere sympathy and thanks for her service to the community.

**SECTION THREE:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.


**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and deposited in the office of the City Clerk this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Those voting aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson,  
Knoll, Mayor Adomite

Those voting nay: \_\_\_\_\_

Those absent: Italiano, Levo, Manley, Turner

APPROVED:

By   
ALLEN P. ADOMITE, Mayor  
City of Troy, Illinois

ATTEST:

By: *Andrea D Lambert*  
ANDREA D. LAMBERT, Clerk  
City of Troy, Illinois



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