

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Mary Boelkens rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL
Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mrs. Wilma Pauley, Mount Carroll Church of God, gave the invocation.

Clerk Julie Cuckler administered the Oath of Office taken by Mr. Michael OATH OF OFFICE
Risko, Jr. to fill the vacancy as Alderman Ward 3.

Second roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, SECOND ROLL CALL
present, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and
Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of October 26, 2010 regular meeting with the following amendment: an addition to the license
and ordinance committee meeting report under #1; "It was the consensus of the committee members to
have added to the policies that the committee chair of the respective department be in attendance along
with the mayor during the hiring negotiations with a potential new employee." Roll call vote: Aldermen
Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0
noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 2010 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and
Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT
\$623,710.09. Clerk Cuckler reported the budget report with the revenues and expenses up through
October 31, 2010 were also provided. That would be the 6-month mark of the fiscal year. Mayor Bates
noted that Mr. Foltz of The National Bank called the city hall today and stated that the interest rate on
the checking accounts would be lowered to 1% from the 2% we have had for a couple of years now.
Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Boelkens reported of the November 8, 2010 finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. The bids were opened for the commercial insurance package. Mr. Tim INSURANCE BIDS
Kirk and Mr. Clark Carroll provided quotes from two companies that could be combined with the
Illinois Public Risk Fund for the worker's compensation carrier. Mr. Eric Little provided the renewal
quote with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA). The quotes
from Tim Kirk and Clark Carroll: QBE Insurance Corporation with the Illinois Public Risk Fund
(IPRF)-\$42,532.00; Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT)-Full Package \$58,462;
ICRMT with the IPRF- \$52,048. The quote from the IMLRMA- Full Package \$48,160. The
Committee members asked the clerk to make copies of the QBE quote for a review of the

deductibles compared to our current insurance with the IMLRMA. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Carroll were going to get information about reducing the deductible for flood coverage from the \$100,000 quoted in the QBE package. This information would be available to the committee for tomorrow night's meeting.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the November 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Tim Kirk was in attendance and reported that they received a quote on the reduced deductible for the flood coverage with the QBE package. That would add another \$934.00. However, in a question from the clerk today they checked into the flood coverage and found that certain zones were not covered at all and that was where the treatment plant and park were located. That would not meet the specs without a separate flood policy that they would not be able to get information for this evening. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to purchase the insurance from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association at the annual premium of \$48,160 that can be paid in two installments due by December 2010 and May 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Noted the bill from Herrell Electric for the bulbs and equipment for the downtown street lights. The cost was over \$10,000. This would be paid back through the energy grant.
4. Clerk Cuckler reported that the clerk from Amboy was wondering when the city would be able to pick up the paver bricks that they have in storage. These would need to be moved by November 30th or they would request we pay the storage fee of \$250.00 per quarter. Mayor Bates asked the clerk to notify the City of Amboy that we would have an answer by November 23rd about whether we would be able to move the bricks this month or not.
5. It was reported that the bank would be reducing the checking account interest rates from 2% down to 1%.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that the Kraft Building was open every day now and they were getting donations of furniture. The Shop Hop was coming up this weekend for Mt. Carroll, Savanna, Lanark and Fulton. Mayor Bates and Alderman Bergren noted that the city attorney had commented in a letter about the Roadway Vegetation Safety issue. Mayor Bates stated that the tree board could be contacted to look into the issue. Mr. Schau presented a request from the CDC beautification committee regarding labor support from the City for the maintenance of the foliage and flowers in the downtown area, in the park and at the welcome signs. Approximately 20 hours per week of work. No action was taken at this time.

The council members present voiced their approval to decline any action to PARK GRANT pursue a Dept. of Natural Resources grant for the park improvements at this time. As well, no action was taken on the ESI proposal to conduct the engineering needed for the grant application.

The council reviewed the proposed ordinance for designating parking spaces PARKING for persons with disabilities. There was some discussion that there was more space needed at the north end of the 300 block of Main Street than the 3 spaces designated. Will consider leaving the language as is and mark the area needed accordingly. Mayor Bates asked the council to come back at the next meeting with any comments or suggestions.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to have the IMRF RESOLUTION resolution to adopt the annual 1,000 hour standard for IMRF participation on the agenda for the next meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes,

and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass RESOLUTION Resolution No. 2010-11-8, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. 2010-11-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa was in attendance and commented that if there was some future volunteer work needed at the park or along the trails to let him know.

Mayor Bates reported that Mediacom, the cable television vendor, had sent a letter that their rates would be going up again. He also reported that the water tower lease with Jo Carroll Energy had been executed and they were working on the installation of the antenna. He noted the letter from School Superintendent Mathers thanking the council for letting him attend the October 12th meeting to present information about the school facilities tax.

The council reviewed the monthly police report submitted by Chief Fred Cass for the month of October 2010.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT TO meeting to November 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in city hall. Roll call vote: NOVEMBER 10, 2010 Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned this meeting at 8:15 p.m. to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2010 in the city hall.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2010 ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, Nina ROLL CALL
Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork,
present.

Mayor Bates stated that this meeting was to consider the six-month evaluation of Police Chief Fred Cass.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the EXECUTIVE SESSION meeting into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting into executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 7:05 p.m. OPEN SESSION
Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT DENIED meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, no, Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, Cooper, yes. A tie vote was recognized. Mayor Bates voted no. Vote: 3 yeses, and 4 noes. The motion was denied.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve a CHIEF CASS SALARY \$1,500.00 annual base salary increase effective immediately at the six month period end to Police Chief Fred Cass. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, no, Lego, no. A tie vote was recognized. Mayor Bates voted yes. Vote: 4 yeses and 3 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates noted the annual base salary of the chief was to increase from \$41,500 to \$43,000.

Alderman Mike Risko noted he felt the City should look at establishing job descriptions for the employees to establish some basis for evaluations and pay scales. He stated that the department heads could be the ones to bring the data to the council for final review.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes except for the paragraph with approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2010 meeting regarding the amendment. This was to be stricken pending clarification by the clerk's review of the recording. This was done at the November 23, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector