

MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. John Boelkens rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Alderman Bergren, Chairman of the Board due to the mayor's absence, CALL TO ORDER  
called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Tom Charles, present, ROLL CALL  
Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,  
present.

Alderman Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the July 8, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose,  
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was  
carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2014 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and  
Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT  
were at a grand total of \$542,380.96.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> recreation board meeting:

COMMITTEES  
RECREATION

1. The new reel and cover are in at the swimming pool and are being used. Going well.
2. Discussed an issue regarding one of the guards needing re-certification. The board consensus was to take the individual off of the schedule until certification was provided to the manager.
3. The manager reported she would provide a closing date when she knows more when the guards were all leaving.
4. Discussed the fundraisers:
  - An anonymous donation of \$8,161.11 was sent to ACCO to pay for the pool cover. The remainder of the \$10,893 cost of the cover would need to be sent to ACCO by the City.
  - The golf outing fundraiser set for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Oakville golf course. Manager Jessica Moore to get some auction items for the event.
  - Proceeds from the Mayfest fundraiser were \$332.
5. Discussed improvements needed at the pool. The update to the bathroom stalls still needed.
6. Discussed the storage of the cover and reel and tables for the winter. To ask someone from the school about the use of the bus garage. Manager Moore noted that more chairs would need to be purchased before the opening next year.
7. Noted another free swim day might be scheduled once more for this year.

Alderman Grim reported of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Ad Hoc committee of the  
license and ordinance committee meeting:

AD HOC

1. Reviewed the draft of the feral cat regulations. Need to consider an application process for the sponsoring organizations.
2. Ms. Sue Gerlach was in attendance and reported that the Heartland Pet Welfare was a legitimate pet rescue facility and have received a PetSmart grant for a feral cat trap, treat and release program in the communities of Mount Carroll and Savanna, IL. As part of the grant they are to

approach the two communities and go over the program. Ms. Gerlach provided information about how they have been handling the program so far.

3. Alderman Grim stated that the objective of the meeting and review was to come up with an application process for the feral cat colonies instead of having some undocumented colonies in town that were not getting treated and maintained. He stated he would review the proposed regulations with Ms. Gerlach and would get back to the council committee with another update at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting night.

Alderman Rose reported of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The chief provided a monthly report for June.
2. The total package for the new squad car from Miles Chevrolet of Decatur, IL plus equipment install was at \$33,925.60. The preference from the chief was to have the four wheel drive vehicle. Will consider at finance the funding for this. NEW SQUAD
3. Discussion of the applications received for the full time police officer position. Consensus of the committee to schedule a meeting for August 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall for interviewing the chief's pick of the final candidates. APPLICATIONS

Alderman Charles reported of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$34,000 from the park fund to the sewer fund and \$25,000 from the cemetery fund to the sewer fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. INTERFUND TRANSFER
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$59,000 from the sewer fund to the bond and interest sinking fund to pay back the loan and use for the IEPA loan payment. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. INTERFUND TRANSFER
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$10,000 from the cemetery fund to the water fund as a loan to meet expenses this month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. INTERFUND TRANSFER
5. The finance committee discussed the water and sewer rates and a proposed increase. It was noted that the rates have to be set by a specific amount each time they are to be changed. To review this towards the end of the calendar year to consider a water rate increase.
6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the payment of the new police squad car from the City funds as follows: \$8,400 from the TIF account and \$25,525.60 from the general fund account. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. POLICE CAR PURCHASE
7. Discussion regarding the quote from Sterling Codifiers to update the code book. The cost was at \$4,000.00. This matter was tabled until the latest ordinance updates for the dog ordinance were completed by the council. CITY CODE BOOK
8. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution of \$100.00 to the Timber Lake Playhouse. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. TLP DONATION
9. Discussion of the request from a potential developer to build a garage building at the southeast end of town. To consider what POSSIBLE NEW BUSINESS

the water and sewer needs are.

10. Alderman Risko reported he had been contacted by Mr. Robert CEMETERY Law about a proposal to donate some land to the City that was adjoining the east boundary of the cemetery. Would need to get a survey of this area. Alderman Charles stated he felt this matter should be reviewed by the city attorney as well. To ask Mr. Law for a legal description of the area.

11. Aldermen Charles and Bergren reported of the USDA workshop that they attended this month. Alderman Bergren reported of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Alderman Bergren reported of his conversation with the Water & sewer Superintendent Russell Handel as he was not able to attend this evening's meeting. He reported that the grinder for the sewer plant had been ordered but was not delivered yet. He noted the need for the additional bio disc materials. More repiars were needed. He reported that the pool cover and reel system was up and running. Alderman Grim reported that the anonymous donor had sent a payment to the company for his share of the cost for the pool reel and cover. He noted he provided a copy of the information to the City treasurer to have the City's portion paid to the company at the next meeting.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 16<sup>th</sup> historic preservation advisory HPAC committee meeting:

1. The committee discussed the maintenance of the walking tour signs, the status of the digital sign ordinance and the next step for conducting the historic district survey work.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, Inc., was in attendance SEWER LINING PROJECT and reported of scheduling the bid opening date for the sewer lining project for August 12, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in city hall if this was okay with the council. The consensus of the council members present was to proceed with the bid opening as stated. Mr. Wagner stated he would provide an advertisement to the clerk for the local newspaper.

#### GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Ms. Marsha Ivey, West State Street addressed the council about the proposed water and sewer rate increases and reported of a neighbor property that had not mowed at all this summer. Mr. Len Anderson, car cruise organizer, reported of the last car cruise event.

Under correspondence Alderman Bergren reported of the upcoming fall conference of the Illinois Tax Increment Finance Association and the flyer from the AFLAC insurance representative stating she would be in city hall on August 4<sup>th</sup> for an annual review and provide information on some new plans that are now available.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Alderman Bergren adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 12, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector

