

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Pepin 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 Tom Charles, present, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Rumler gave the invocation.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the September 9, 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 Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2014 as approved by the
finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes,
and Charles, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$435,939.89.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 23rd water and sewer COMMITTEES
committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported that the flushing of the fire hydrants had not been started yet.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that he attended the pre-construction meeting for the sewer lining project. Projected construction date around October 6th.
3. Superintendent Handel reported that he was working with the engineers on the planning assessment of the sewer plant. Their first meeting was last week.
4. Discussion about the water pressure for fire protection of the northwest section of town.

Alderman Charles reported of the September 23rd license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE
committee meeting:

1. The committee discussed the pending ordinance amendments.
2. Mr. James Fiser, South Jackson Street, was in attendance to address the noise ordinance. He stated he provided information to the committee and council about what some other communities have in their codes and regulations regarding noise ordinance violations. He expressed his frustration that he feels the council is not enforcing the regulations, and he commented that he felt that the decibel level set by the council was too high. Alderman Charles noted to Mr. Fiser to have him call the police when he has a complaint so it would be documented.
3. Alderman Charles presented a draft of the employee handbook with several amendments for council review. He stated he would like some input from the council before presenting this for final approval.

Alderman Charles reported of the September 23rd finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles noted that the annual audit report had been submitted AUDIT
by the auditors for council review. The auditors from Wipfli will be in attendance at the next
meeting to discuss the report and answer any questions.

3. Alderman Risko reported that he had been contacted about the WELCOME SIGN Welcome to Mount Carroll sign located at the highway intersection. It looks like it needs some refurbishing and trimming of the brush around it. To contact the individual that painted the sign a few years ago and check on costs for repainting if needed.
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation PAVER BRICKS to sell the paver bricks, in piles not palletted, located at the old burning grounds in town at the cost of \$1.00 per brick. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Discussed the status of the uses at the Kraft building and operations of the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation.

The council discussed the status of the 113 N. Mill Street property. The demolition of the house had not been completed to date. The consensus of the council members present was to ask the city attorney to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Krull with a date specific to have the building demolished.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct a street solicitation activity at the highway and downtown intersections on October 11, 2014. 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.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION request from the Humane Society of Carroll County to conduct a street solicitation activity at the highway intersection on September 27, 2014. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the American Legion Post #67. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve MEETING DATE CHANGE the meeting date change for the regular council meeting scheduled for November 11, 2014 to be set for November 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Under general audience, Mr. Dan Pepin reported of the pre-construction GENERAL AUDIENCE conference for the sewer lining project, Alderman Risko asked about the status of the letters to the property owners regarding ordinance violations, the Kunes' Redevelopment Agreement, and the review of the parcel of land someone was donating to the City to add to the cemetery. City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that the April dog bite matter was concluded in court today with the stipulated facts and the defendant guilty on both tickets. He stated that he understood that the offending dog had been put down shortly after the incidents. He stated the city's action on this was all done.

The council members present discussed the request from DeBauche FIBER OPTIC CABLE Communications to install fiber optic cable in or along the City right-of-way. Clerk Cuckler reported that Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, had responded to the information submitted from the company. His suggestions were to approve the plan pending approval of a permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation, and if any disturbance to ADA ramps was in the construction then an

ADA ramp design should be submitted to the City for review and approval. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the request from DeBauche Communications to install the fiber optic cable per the plans as presented, but construction was pending notice of receipt of an approved IDOT permit and approval of ADA ramp designs for those disturbed in construction. Roll call vote: Alderman Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, absent. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Carroll County Highway Department regarding the Rural Local Agency Traffic Sign Update. Alderman Risko reported this was a grant program through the state to provide funding to local agencies to upgrade the traffic signs to comply with the new upcoming federal regulations. The city could get up to \$25,000 to help pay for signs and some equipment for their installation. He reported that the street superintendent had gotten the count of signs that would be needed to submit the application for the City. He had a form this evening for the mayor to sign stating the City's intent to participate. No objections were presented by the council members present to having the mayor sign this form to be submitted with the application. Mayor Bates also noted the public notice regarding the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 14, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector