

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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, absent, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the October 28, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,
Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, absent, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent.
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 November 2014 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$426,379.65.

Alderman Charles reported of the November 10th finance committee meeting: FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented a spreadsheet with the updated information regarding the interfund transfers and loans.
3. Alderman Charles provided a discussion sheet to review the water WATER, SEWER &
and sewer and garbage service charges. For consideration to GARBAGE RATES
reduce the garbage charge to all users by \$1.00 each month. Then to add \$3.00 to each sewer
user bill with all revenue to be earmarked for the Capital Improvement Fund. The monthly
income increase should be at \$2,520 and per year \$30,240. In three years this could pay back the
loans that the sewer fund owes. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee
recommendation to authorize and approve the proposed rate changes and direct the city attorney
to draft the appropriate ordinance. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes,
Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was
carried.
4. After discussion of the letter from Medicom, the local cable MEDIACOM
television service provider, Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation
to direct the city attorney to draft the ordinance to set the cable television service provider fees at
3%. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. The consensus of the finance committee was to set the finance DECEMBER 9TH MEETING
committee meeting scheduled for December 9th to start at 6:00 p.m. in order to open the
commercial insurance bids along with the other agenbda items.

6. Mayor Bates reported of an employee termination that happened today in the water and sewer department. The position will be posted internally and an advertisement would be placed in the newspaper seeking applications to fill the vacancy. CITY EMPLOYEE POSITION
7. City Treasurer Wiersema reported of the progress setting up the Local Debt Recovery program with the State Comptroller's office. LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM
8. Alderman Grim reported he had checked on the possible costs for materials to set up an ice skating rink this winter. Should not be more than \$500. The fire department would help with the set up and maintenance.
9. Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported of the quote from BP Graphix of Savanna, IL to produce the new sign for the billboard. This matter was continued under old business. WELCOME SIGN

Under old business Mr. Anderson reported that the quote for the new sign material with the updated design was quoted at \$2,000.00. He noted that he was able to secure pledges of up to \$1,050 from the local businesses and individuals. The design was presented to the council for review. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve hiring (Brandon Prowant) BP Graphix to produce the new Welcome to Mount Carroll billboard sign at the cost of (\$2,000.00) which would be \$950.00 to the City with the pledged donations. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. WELCOME SIGN BILLBOARD

Under new business the council discussed whether to change the department committee meetings from the Monday before the 4th Tuesday or have them split up and have them on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays before the regular council meetings. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the committee meeting change to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays before the regular city council meetings. Roll call vote: Alderman Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. It was noted that the change would start at the next meeting where all of the committees would meet before the regular council meeting on November 25th. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson and Mr. Lou Schau provided an update of the work being completed on the Old Stone House owned by the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation. Fully funded by a private donor. Clerk Cuckler stated that Cindy Pingitore of the historic preservation advisory committee would have a letter to the editor in the newspaper calling out for volunteers to help form a City Sesquicentennial committee to organize activities for 2017. The city was incorporated 150 years ago in February 1867. GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois seeking permission to conduct the annual cookie sales January through March of 2015. No objections were voiced by the council members present. CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 24, 2014 regular meeting. Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector