

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Brinkmeier 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 Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Elizabeth Mascal of the First Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the January 13, 2015 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 January 2015 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles,
yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$398,162.03.

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 21st historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC
1. Discussion of the work on the district survey update, and the City's sesquicentennial anniversary
of its incorporation in 2017.
2. Noted the annual chairperson election: Re-elected Cindy Pingitore as President and Eina
Schroeder as Secretary.

Alderman Charles reported of the January 27th license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE\
committee meeting:
1. Alderman Charles noted the pending ordinances to be presented. Commenting that he wished to
see the one with the sewer and garbage rate changes established in order to get the sewer fund
with revenue to pay back a loan.
2. Discussion to consider the possible action to change the city clerk CITY CLERK POSITION
position from an elected position to an appointed position. Alderman Charles stated he posed the
question so it could be considered. Alderman Bergren stated he was not in favor of changing this.
Alderman Risko stated he was in favor of changing the position to appointed, to have this be a
full time employee position. Alderman Grim stated he was in favor of changing this if all of the
job description and qualifications were specified. Alderman Sisler stated he was not in favor of
changing, it should continue as elected and an independent position. Alderman Rose stated he
felt it should continue as an elected position. Mayor Bates noted the pros and cons as he saw
them and felt the council should hear from or check with some of the other communities that do
have appointed clerks. Some comments were presented from the general audience. The
committee members asked the city attorney to provide information about the procedure to
change the position.

Alderman Rose reported of the January 27th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Alderman Charles presented information about a decibel meter at the cost of \$299. To check on

calibration certification information.

Alderman Rose read from the minutes of the committee meetings the following: "Discussion of above comment about cemetery board with City Attorney."

Alderman Charles reported of the January 27th finance committee FINANCE meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Reviewed the general fund administration and community house departments' budget projections. The committee did not complete the review during this session. To continue at the end of the city council meeting also this evening.

Alderman Sisler asked for a copy of the committee meeting minutes from this evening. Clerk Cuckler stated she would make a copy for anyone that wished one after the council meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2015-1-5, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN NO. 2015-1-5 THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENT COOPERATION CONTRACT. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, pass, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 "pass", and 0 absent. The motion was carried by majority roll call vote.

Alderman Risko presented information of the accomplishments of the PEOPLE FOR PROGRESS Mount Carroll People for Progress committee that had been organized about seven years ago under the Competitive Communities Initiative project facilitated by the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Noted projects completed, started and ongoing to pass along to the MAPPING the Future of Mount Carroll steering committee to begin their project. Mr. Dan Brinkmeier, Mount Carroll, was in attendance representing the MAPPING steering committee and noted the upcoming dates of the five meeting nights planned for the community mapping program sessions. Those dates are: March 26, April 9, April 16, April 23 and April 30 to be held at the Naaman Diehl Auditorium from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson, Mt. Carroll, reported the GENERAL AUDIENCE Welcome to Mount Carroll billboard sign was completed, had been installed, but there was a problem with the lighting that should be solved in the near future.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates noted the letter from CORRESPONDENCE the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the low water crossing research survey. Mayor Bates stated this should be sent to the engineers that handle the inspections for the City's ford crossing at the park.

The council members present continued review of the budget for the BUDGET REVIEW general fund administration department and community house department. The grand totals respectively were set at \$111,150 and \$6,350. In discussion about the general fund estimated revenues the sales tax line item was raised from \$283,000 to \$290,000. That would make the estimated revenues for the general fund at \$609,300.

Alderman Sisler commented that his review of the costs to take over and sell the Meinsma property (113 N. Mill Street) came to about \$6,200. MILL STREET PROPERTY

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 10, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector