

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 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 meeting in the absence of the mayor,
called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

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 Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Strong of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the January 27, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous
aye voice vote of the council members present.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2015 as approved by the finance
committee. The motion was carried by unanimous aye voice vote of the council members present.

Aldermen Bergren reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$423,162.22.

Alderman Risko reported of the February 10, 2015 streets committee COMMITTEES
meeting: STREETS

1. Discussed on going projects such as maintaining the equipment, plowing snow, opening graves at the cemetery, and trimming trees. Superintendent Dauphin noted that the frost in the ground was about 6" deep. Last year at this time it was several feet deep.
2. Discussed the mole holes and burrows in the park. To check on how to handle this issue. Noted the ice skating rink was not done this year. Start planning sooner next year. Discussed the water main break on Market Street.

Alderman Rose reported of the February 10th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The December activity report was presented to the committee.
2. Alderman Rose presented the recommendation from the police ILEAS MUTUAL AID
committee to pass Resolution No. R2015-2-4, A Resolution AGREEMENT
Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and
Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.
The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.
3. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation DECIBEL METER
to purchase a new decibel meter from Industrial Sound Level PURCHASE
Meter Datalogger at a cost not to exceed \$299.00 plus shipping. 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 reported of the February 10th finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER
recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$5,500.00 from the garbage fund to the
sewer fund. 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.

3. Discussion of the process and status of the applications to fill the vacancy in the water and sewer department. The consensus of the committee was to schedule a meeting for February 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to follow up with this matter.
4. Discussion of the request from Ms. Jeanne Moshure, owner of PROPERTY SEWER property located at 507 S. Porter Street, regarding reimbursement BACK UP ISSUE of some or all costs for work done on a sewer line clean out. The consensus of the committee was to table this matter at this time in order to seek more information.
5. Alderman Risko presented the line item review of the water and sewer department budget for the next fiscal year. To complete during the council meeting.
6. Discussion of whether to consider a utility tax on the electric and gas utilities. Alderman Bergren also commented about some discussions from the State officials about changing the distribution of the income taxes to the local governments.

Under old business, City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and VACANT PROPERTY reported that complaints on the Miller Street and State Street properties would be filed and the property owners served with a summons.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2-6 Ordinance No. 2015-2-6, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The ordinance was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2-7 Ordinance No. 2015-2-7, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER USE CHARGES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2015-2-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2-8 Ordinance No. 2015-2-8, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2015-2-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO. R2015-2-5 Resolution No. R2015-2-5, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R2015-2-5 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The resolution approves the appropriation of \$32,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Under general audience Mr. John Swiech of the Mount Carroll CDC GENERAL AUDIENCE reported that a new coffee and bistro business would be opening in the "Kraft" building.

Under correspondence, Alderman Bergren read the letter of thanks from the family of Lou Schau, and presented the information about the annual meeting of the Tri-County Economic Development Authority. CORRESPONDENCE

The council members present continued review of the budget for the water and sewer departments. The grand totals respectively were set at \$180,925 for revenues and \$239,400 for expenditures; and \$216,900 for revenues and \$276,750 for expenditures. BUDGET REVIEW

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. Alderman Bergren adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

These minutes were approved by the Mount Carroll City Council at the February 24, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector