

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. David Weissmiller 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, absent, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Elizabeth Mascal, Mt. Carroll Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the February 12, 2013 public hearing and regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2013 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported the bank account balances were at \$371,689.59 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 20<sup>th</sup> historic preservation COMMITTEES advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. Discussed the status of the Joe Haas property at the corner of Market and Carroll Streets. Noted the posted information on the "Uriah Green" property located at the corner of Center and Clay Streets. A foreclosure transfer has been set for March 12, 2013.
2. Discussed the suggestions from Catherine O'Connor, Manager, Local Government Services, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 25<sup>th</sup> streets committee STREETS meeting:

1. Heard the chair comments and discussed the completed projects.
2. Under current projects the committee noted the good job the crew was doing on the snow plowing projects this winter. Discussed the repair and replacement of the trash receptacles at the City cemetery. The superintendent stated he would be placing the dead end sign at BJ's street when weather permitted and stated he would be checking into when he could get someone to trim the tree limbs at the Clay Street property that was reported at a previous meeting. Discussed street repairs.

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

1. Regarding the employee handbook, Alderman Charles reported he would get the latest draft to the city employees then schedule a meeting to discuss this with them.
2. Will be considering a sign ordinance.
3. Discussed checking the procedure to implement the building code inspections in the future.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 25<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee meeting:

WATER & SEWER

1. The committee reviewed and set the budget for the next fiscal year. Projects and items to check. The bio-disc project to be pursued. Materials from Siemens will cost about \$52,580 and working on a vendor to customize one of the other parts. Discussed adding to the small tool inventory and to check on the franchise gas allowance with Nicor Gas Company. To see if some of that usage could be used for another City building in a year's time. Superintendent Handel stated he would need to order the media and rods from Siemens by next month.
2. The water system radium levels have been in compliance long enough that the State has reduced the monitoring. There will be other testing requirements for other materials so the costs would probably not decrease.

Alderman Rose reported of the February 25<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Reviewed the January 2013 monthly report.
2. Discussed training completed by the officers and chief.
3. Chief Cass reported that one of the full time officers would be retiring. He stated the local officers would be doing something to recognize his service and he asked if he could order a retired police officer badge. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to purchase a retired police officer badge at the cost of \$50.00. RETIRED OFFICER  
Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, BADGE  
Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The retiring officer is James Burch. Chief Cass stated he would like the council to consider the officer-in-training for the position when he has completed the next step of his schooling.

Alderman Charles reported of the February 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation POOL MANAGER  
to hire Ms. Jessica Moore as the new pool manager at the starting salary of \$3,300.00 for this first summer season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation CAPITALIZATION  
to pass Resolution No. R2-2013-4, ESTABLISHING A CAPITALIZATION POLICY POLICY FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Resolution No. R2-2013-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
4. Alderman Charles reported he had been working on a draft of a REQUEST FOR  
Request for Proposal for a forensic audit quote. The years to PROPOSAL FOR A  
put into the specifications range from 2008 through the 2012 fiscal FORENSIC AUDIT  
years. He stated he would provide a copy to the mayor and the city attorney for review then send out to companies to provide a quote as soon as possible. Mayor Bates noted the definition of a forensic audit or examination.
5. Alderman Risko presented the City consulting auditor's response SCHOOL CROSSING  
to the school crossing fund "Fund Balance" question raised at the FUND  
last meeting and provided documentation of the closing of the cash account in February 2008. Discussed the financial statements.

6. Discussed the sale of the used dump trucks. The 1992 truck was picked up and the 1990 truck was to be picked up on Friday (March 1<sup>st</sup>).

Mayor Bates reported that the city attorney was scheduled to meet with the judge on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month regarding the 113 N. Mill Street property. He would report back. Regarding the Market Street property Alderman Bergren reported he had been contacted by a couple of contractors about the hole near the foundation of the building. He stated the sooner the better to contact the residents of the building. He was very concerned about the integrity of that west wall.

Alderman Risko came back into the council chambers at 7:47 p.m.

#### GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience the following presented comments to the council, Mr. Jeff Woodside, Percy Vesperman and Frank Nester. Mr. Woodside stated he hoped after the election in April that the city council would work together to make Mount Carroll look better and move forward. Mr. Nester posed the following question to the council member candidates in attendance: "Do you think a forensic audit is necessary at this cost (\$20,000 to \$50,000) to the City?" Alderman Sisler, running for mayor in the election stated yes. Alderman Bergren running for re-election stated no. Alderman Risko running for re-election stated he did not believe we needed one and said no. Alderman Bork running for re-election stated she was looking at records and had not been through enough to make that decision and she did not ask for a forensic audit. Mayor Bates stated he did not believe there was anything wrong with the books nor was there any criminal activity and stated he was not in favor. Percy Vesperman running for the Alderman Ward 3 position in the election stated he did not have a comment or statement to that question.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 12, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector

