

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Laurel Bergren 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 John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL
Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John McConnel gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the March 8, 2011 and March 22, 2011 regular meetings as presented. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5
yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2011 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes,
and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today totaled FINANCIAL REPORT
\$579,846.04. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the financial report as
presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and
Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the March 15th and April 6th recreation board COMMITTEES
meetings. RECREATION BOARD

1. Mayor Bates read the list of recommended employees for hire this POOL EMPLOYEES
summer season at the swimming pool. Assistant managers: Brittany Sipe and Trevor Timm with
Rebecca Fritz as a substitute assistant. Lifeguards: Maria Timm, Seth Bradley, Avery Handel, Drew
Kaczmariski, Ryan Kerr, Amorette Merboth, Sophi Morhardt, Paige Fosdick, Emily Mills, Kelbi
Schneider and Tim Watson. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Risko seconded to hire the
swimming pool employees as listed. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes,
Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was
carried.
2. Discussed the drain compliance issue. Superintendent Handel was in attendance and reported that
the grating material was delivered today and they would be working with the company that installed
the liner about what modifications were needed to maintain the warranty with the liner.
3. Mayor Bates reported that there were several equipment items needed, but the most expensive one
was a new lifeguard chair. Cost at \$660.00. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko
seconded to approve the purchase of a new 5' lifeguard chair at the cost of \$660.00 from the
Swimtime vendor. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes,
Risko, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and one absent. The motion was carried.
4. Other items discussed were building maintenance issues, Camp Benson campers usage, and
schedule a June 1st opening date.

Alderman Bergren reported of the March 16th historic preservation advisory HPAC
committee meeting:

1. The committee discussed the "Exterior Beautification Painting Program" and hoped the council would continue this program again this year.
2. Discussed some of the brochures that would be provided to the welcome center and the city hall to market and promote the historic district.
3. Chairman Cindy Pingitore would check with the Mayfest committee about having information at one of their booths this year.

Mayor Bates reported the finance committee had met on March 22nd; however, there was not a quorum for the council meeting to conduct business. There were no recommendations from that finance meeting.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 12th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to purchase a rotary poly broom with castor wheels from Merema Brothers of Fulton, IL at a cost not to exceed \$4,200. roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Reviewed the pledge securities report from the bank.
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to contribute \$2,500.00 to the Mayfest 2011 activity of which \$2,000.00 would come from the band fund and \$500.00 would come from the general fund. Roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to contribute \$25.00 to the West Carroll School After Prom activity. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to contribute \$300.00 to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Carroll towards the entertainment for an ice cream social on June 26, 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to renew the City's employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois at the monthly premium of \$5,171.88. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
8. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to hire Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC to conduct the annual audit for the City at the fee not to exceed \$18, 615.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
9. Mayor Bates noted the Greening our Communities workshop to be held at Buck's Barn in Thomson, IL on April 21st.
10. Mayor Bates suggested the budget work continue in May with the new council members.
11. Mayor Bates reported he had met with the County Highway Superintendent Kevin Vandendooren. They discussed the Benton Street roadway improvements and the Galena Street

- Bridge replacement. More information would be presented at a future meeting.
12. Discussed moving the paver bricks from storage.

Mayor Bates reported that there was not a quorum to hold a streets and STREETS & CEMETERY water and sewer committee meeting on March 28th, however, those in attendance heard an update of costs for the East Benton Street roadway improvements from Mr. Reid Law of Law's Excavating. He reported that he had met with the county highway superintendent today and he would be providing some more specific information about this proposal and what part of the project could be funded from the City's motor fuel tax funds. He noted that the preliminary engineering for the Galena Street Bridge replacement was all that would be done in this next fiscal year. Under the cemetery board the committee members talked about injecting the walnut trees again this year to curb the walnut growth. Superintendent Eric Dauphin, in attendance for this meeting, reported that the Foley Tree Care company quoted a cost of \$450 for this procedure this year. The consensus of the council members in attendance was to skip this for this year. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the clean up of the cemetery had started and that the old decorations had been picked up on April 1st. He also reported that he would like to hire Mike Henderson and Thomas Franks back for the summer to work at the cemetery. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to hire Mike Henderson and Thomas Franks as summer help cemetery employees starting April 18, 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates reported that cemetery board member Kandi Corbett noted that she did not wish to continue on the board in the next fiscal year, and board member Sheri Traum noted that she would like to continue if this was agreeable.

Alderman Bergren reported of the March 28th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Discussed having a final draft of the police department job descriptions at a future meeting.
2. Chief Cass reported of the traffic study conducted of Main and TRAFFIC STUDY Market Streets in the downtown area. Their findings were that the vehicles were not exceeding 20 mph and there were no accidents during that time. He noted that only 1 out of 475 vehicles that traveled Main Street even reached 30 mph. The consensus of the committee was to leave the speed limits as posted.
3. Chief Cass reported of two quotes for two four-wheel drive vehicles POLICE SQUAD to replace the Expedition squad car. The State bid for a Ford Explorer squad was at \$24,725 and the Kunes' Country Auto Group, Mt. Carroll, IL bid was at \$24,600. The State bid for a Ford Expedition was at \$26,931 and the Kunes' bid was at \$27,500. Chief Cass reported that the present Ford Expedition was ten years old. He noted that any vehicle purchased would need new equipment costing about \$5,000. He also reported that the trade in value for the old Expedition with Kunes' would be \$4,000. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation to waive the bidding process for the new police squad vehicle as this was lower than the State bid price. Roll call vote: Alderman Bergren, yes, WAIVE BIDDING Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation to purchase the new Ford Explorer squad vehicle at the cost of \$20,600 with the trade-in from Kunes' Country Auto Group, Mt. Carroll, IL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. The committee discussed that the review of the police schedule and number of officers was to be Determined before the police budget would be set for next year.

Mayor Bates reported that there was not a quorum for the license and ordinance committee meeting on March 28th as well, however, the council members in attendance heard a complaint from Mr. Scott Bockman, 104 E. Broad Street, about the accumulation of some garbage and debris at the property located next to him, 106 E. Broad Street, and he had just recently taken care of rat that had come onto his property. Mayor Bates noted that he was in contact with the county health department.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported of work completed and ongoing at the Kraft Building and the old Stone House. He noted that there were several applications for the Downtown Enhancement Program in the process and would be forwarded to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. He asked for a contribution for the materials and flowers for the Beautification Committee to start work for this years' plantings. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the CDC for the beautification committee spring plantings. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. SPRING FLOWERS

Mr. Schau reported the second Open Mic Night was scheduled for April 14th from 6-9 p.m. at the Kraft Building, that the Bella Food & Spirits restaurant was planning to be open soon once all of the plumbing issues were resolved and approved, that The Driftless Area Stillroom had moved their business into the Hotel Glenview building, and that the new Stone House Fudge business would be opening soon.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to grant the STREET SOLICITATION street solicitation request to the Mt. Carroll Lions Club to be held on May 7th at the highway and downtown intersections for their annual Diabetes Awareness Day fund drive. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO. R3-2011-13 Resolution R3-2011-13, A Resolution Approving the Request to Hold an Antique Tractor Parade on June 10, 2011 and make application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Permission to Regulate IL Route 78 Traffic from East Lincoln Street to IL Route 40. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Resolution No. R3-2011-13 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates and Chief Cass noted that the police department might need an extra officer for a couple of hours on this date for traffic control.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to place the COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL on file. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Alderman Bork noted a date error in the first paragraph's narrative of this report. Clerk Cuckler stated that would be corrected before it was published.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the SIGN REQUEST Mayor to submit a written request to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a recognition highway sign for Zach Whitebread who was a state winner in the 2010-2011 FFA Swine Production Placement Contest. Roll call vote: Alderman Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates and Clerk Cuckler noted the March 8, 2011 planning commission meeting and review of the special use permit application submitted by Ms. Susan Rogers for a proposed guest home at 211 South Main Street. Clerk Cuckler reported that Ms. Rogers had called and stated that she did not believe she would be purchasing this property. Mayor Bates stated that there was a recommendation from the planning commission. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and stated that if she wanted to bring this to the council again she could resubmit this application. The council did not need to take any action tonight.

Mayor Bates reported that he had received information that the Sand Prairie Wireless internet representatives had met with the CDC about the internet service at the Kraft Building. At this time the costs were not going to be different than what they have been paying. Mayor Bates asked the city attorney to consider what might be needed from the council to consider setting the policy that the property owners in town would be the only ones to receive the water bills for payment. What other steps need to be done to help get the property owners on board with this change with some of the rental property. Mayor Bates noted the correspondence from Jo Carroll Energy regarding council training. Mayor Bates reported that there was a tie in the Consolidated Election on May 5th with the two candidates in Ward 2. He stated that the County Clerk had stated that he would be completing the canvass of the votes on April 19th then would conduct a lottery drawing on April 20th at 9:00 a.m. between the two candidates, Robert E. Sisler and Peter Eiteuner. He stated if the results were final to the city before the next council meeting that the new council members would be able to take the Oath of Office at that meeting on April 26, 2011.

Mayor Bates reported that in the correspondence there was a reported complaint regarding the clean up of the flowers at the cemetery and that the cable television vendor, Mediacom sent out a notification that some of their fees were going up.

In discussion of summer help for the park and public works departments Superintendent Eric Dauphin stated that he would like to have Mr. Mike Miller return this year as soon as possible. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve hiring Mike Miller as summer help again this year to start on April 18, 2011 or when weather permits. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 26, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector