

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Ronald Brashaw 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, absent.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Ricketts gave the invocation.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the April 9, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2013 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Bork, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$377,259.80 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE  
1. After review of the health insurance coverage renewal for the HEALTH INSURANCE City employees, Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve going with the United Healthcare Company for employee health insurance and authorize the payment of the premium this month for May 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:  
1. Alderman Bergren presented the recommendation from the water ABBOTT PLASTICS sewer committee to approve the purchase of the additional parts for the bio disc project for Phase 1 at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.00 (from Abbott Plastics). Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bork, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.  
2. Superintendent Handel reported that the water service to the new WATER SERVICE home along West Benton Street was completed.  
3. Alderman Bergren presented the water & sewer committee SUMMER HELP recommendation to hire Tedd Schnitzler and Bob Irons as part time summer help to start May 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.  
4. The committee discussed the matter of the retirement of one of the EMPLOYEE MATTER water and sewer department employees. Will look to post the job position for other city employees or consider whether two current employees could or would start the training programs for the water and sewer certifications. Then consider what position would be advertised to fill.

Alderman Rose reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> cemetery board meeting:

CEMETERY

1. Discussed the repair of the older gravestones for this year. Committee members scheduled a meeting for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the cemetery to look at the stones to be considered and to report back at the May 14<sup>th</sup> city council meeting.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> license & ordinance meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles reported that one of the vehicles on Mr. James Johnson's property along East Commercial Street was to be removed very soon. There were two trees that were on the City right-of-way that also would be removed.

Alderman Rose reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> police committee meeting:

POLICE

1. Chief Cass provided a copy of the monthly report for the month of March 2013.
2. Chief Cass provided photos of the property located at 707 N. Jefferson Street that was served with a Notice to Abate to clean up. The owner had done a substantial amount of clean up since he received the notice. Chief Cass stated that some of the garbage items would be sent out on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the City Spring Clean Up day. He stated that he would suggest that the property continue to be monitored even if no further action was presented. The committee members present did not present any further action at this time.
3. Discussed the purchase of a body armor vest that would be needed for Officer Nick Meeker. To check on the costs. Chief Cass was also looking into grants that were available for these items.
4. No word yet on the vehicle grant program.
5. Chief Cass reported that Nick Meeker was graduating from the Part Time Basic Law Enforcement Academy Class VIII on May 10, 2013 in Peoria, IL. It was noted that Mayor Bates was planning on attending the dinner and ceremony. Chief Cass noted that he would be very comfortable having Nick work full time and on his own for the City.

Alderman Bergren reported of the public works miscellaneous discussion from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> committees meeting: STREETS & TREES

1. Discussed the sidewalk and wall repair work to be done on Main Street. The wall has been moving more and the job has become more of an emergency than expected. Law's Excavating has gotten the specifications from the Wendler Engineer Richard Baumann. The rebar has been ordered and there would be an estimated 50 yards of concrete needed for the project.
2. No objections were presented to having a new tree purchased from Jim Kalina for the Arbor Day presentation tree planting. Total cost would be \$250. Planning to plant a tree in the City cemetery.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved
2. Discussion regarding the quote from Sikich, LLP for the proposed forensic audit. Noted the maximum cost was at \$143,000. The committee decided to table this matter to the next meeting.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation NICK MEEKER to approve the pay agreement with Mr. Nicholas Meeker as being hired as a full time police officer starting April 29, 2013 with the hourly wage of \$14.05. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Bork, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. The finance committee acknowledged receipt of the Annual City City Collector's Report. COLLECTOR'S REPORT
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution of \$2,500.00 to the Mayfest 2013 activity with \$2,000 to come from the City Band Fund and \$500.00 to come from the City General Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bork, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. MAYFEST CONTRIBUTION

6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$9,125.00 from the City General Fund to the City Depreciation Fund to pay back the loan for the new dump truck. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bork, absent, and Risko, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. INTERFUND TRANSFER
7. Discussed the employee health insurance coverage and the quote from the new provider.
8. Alderman Sisler stated he felt it was a good thing for the City to hire a young man on the police department.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and noted that the deed for the 113 N. Mill Street property was set to be transferred on May 2nd. 113 N MILL STREET

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to pass Resolution No. R4-2013-5, A Resolution Declaring the Returns of the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. RESOLUTION NO. R4-2013-5

The Honorable Judge John Joyce administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials in attendance, Mayor Carl R. Bates, City Clerk Julie A. Cuckler, Alderman Ward 1 Douglas P. Bergren, and Alderman Ward 2 Joseph C. Grim. OATH OF OFFICE  
Mayor Bates read the Certificate of Appreciation plaque to be presented to outgoing Alderman Ward 2 Doris Bork.

Second roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Tom Charles, present, Jim Rose, present, Doug Bergren, present, Joe Grim, present, and Mike Risko, absent.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 15<sup>th</sup> Business Loan Review Committee meeting. After review of the application submitted by Shelly Tautz, d/b/a Country Girl Boutique the committee recommended to the council to approve the loan in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the City Revolving Loan Fund with the re-payment time period set at five (5) years at a 2% interest rate. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the \$30,000.00 revolving loan fund loan to Country Girl Boutique under the above stated terms. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-4-10, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Mayor Bates stated this was for a new convenience store-gas station development in Morrison, IL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2013-4-10 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO. 2013-4-10

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to grant a raffle license to the Carroll County Senior Services Center. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 RAFFLE LICENSE

absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the planning commission tabled the matter from their meeting on April 18, 2013 until the applicant would be able to attend to answer more of the questions about the proposed distillery on the property located in the 300 block of South Mill Street.

PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the city clerk and deputy clerk/treasurer to attend the Back to Basics training session in Springfield, IL on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> being sponsored by the Central Illinois Municipal Clerk's Organization at a cost of \$95.00 each, plus travel and lodging. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses. 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates noted that the city hall office would be closed those two days as well.

CLERK TRAINING

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson presented \$15.00 to the City to go into the Scout K-9 fund.

Mayor Bates reported of several letters. One regarding the recycling pick up done by Moring Disposal, Inc. They reported the total weight of recycling materials picked up for the month of March 2013 was 24,180 pounds. Another letter from the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency regarding a used tire clean up program with a list of drop off sites during the month of May 2013. A letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding local government workshops coming up in the next few months.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bates read Mr. Joseph Grim's letter of resignation from the City planning commission.

Noted the clerk provided her letter of response and a copy of the Freedom of Information Request received on April 19, 2013.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and addressed the council. He stated that the newly elected officers if they had not completed the Open Meetings Act training through the State they would need to complete that and provide a copy of their certificate to the clerk.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 14, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector