

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Janet Hockman 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, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL  
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Clifton Jacobs gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES of the April 12, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month April 2011 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances totaled \$561,404.99 as FINANCIAL REPORT today. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Risko, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 20<sup>th</sup> historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES HPAC committee meeting:  
1. The committee reviewed the preliminary plans for a sign to be located BOWLING ALLEY SIGN on the front of the bowling alley building.  
2. Discussed the change in location of the storage of the paver bricks this summer to an outside location and that the mayor and city council were pursuing an agreement with the county health department regarding the inspections of unsafe buildings.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 25<sup>th</sup> license and ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE meeting:  
1. The committee discussed the water billing process for rental properties. Mayor Bates reported he has heard from a couple of landlords in town about this matter. To consider setting up a meeting with the landlords for their input.  
2. Mayor Bates reported that he was pursuing and talking with the county officials about considering an intergovernmental agreement for possible building inspections with the health department.

Alderman Lego reported of the April 25<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY  
1. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the spring clean up at the cemetery has been going well so far.  
2. The star at the cemetery was not lit and Superintendent Dauphin reported that he would check on this matter.  
3. Alderman Lego expressed her appreciation to Kandi Corbett and John Boelkens for their service on the cemetery board. She noted that she and Sheri Traum wished to continue on the board.

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

1. Superintendent Dauphin reported of working on the replacement of collapsed or broken culverts now that the weather has changed.
2. The one light to the flag at Point Rock Park needed a new battery for the solar light. This would be ordered.
3. The committee asked Superintendent Dauphin to get updated quotes for the steel plates that are needed on the Galena Street Bridge.
4. Discussion of the Benton Street Roadway Project. Mayor Bates received an estimate from the county highway department engineer. The materials that could be purchased with Motor Fuel Tax Funds would be \$80,000. The non-mft work would cost \$53,000. The engineering would be \$2,400.
5. Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance to remind the council of the donation from Mrs. Mary Ann Hutchison to complete a walking trail in the back of the park near the newer bandstand. To work with the city crew to get estimates of the materials needed and schedule the work.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 25<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Discussed the new radios needed for the public works department to meet the new FCC regulations. Estimated to need about 10 new radios at \$500 each.
2. Presently working on the bio discs to see what materials are needed to replace the median. Superintendent Handel will have a cost estimate at a future meeting and this would be a project for this year.
3. Waiting to hear from the liner company about the grate replacement for the swimming pool.
4. Would be scheduling to conduct water hydrant flushing early this summer. Would be doing a full town hydrant flush.
5. Superintendent Handel reported of meeting with River City Fencing about the fence repairs and replacement at the treatment plant and ball diamonds.
6. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee SLUDGE DISPOSAL recommendation to hire MSA Professional Services, Inc. to prepare PERMIT & submit to IEPA on behalf of the City of Mount Carroll the sludge management plan and disposal permit application #SC-2446 for wastewater treatment facility at a lump sum of \$3,750. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Mayor Bates asked the city crew to schedule to dig up the water line of Mrs. Gray's on North Washington Avenue to investigate whether there are any issues. She continues to have some problems with her water.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 25<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The radios for the officers and the squad would need to be replaced to meet the new FCC regulations.
2. Chief Cass reported the new squad car missed the one deadline so a 2012 model was ordered. Delivery would be sometime this summer.
3. Gearing up for Mayfest weekend.
4. Chief Cass reported of pursuing some grants for equipment.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation 20-YEAR

to authorize the purchase of \$30.00 of Chamber Bucks for Mark Traum EMPLOYEE  
in recognition of his 20 years of full time employment with the City. ANNIVERSARY

Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

3. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation ROAD FABRIC  
to authorize the Carroll County Highway Department Engineer to purchase the ground  
stabilization fabric needed for the East Benton Street roadway project in order to get this at the  
current price. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes,  
Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses, and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Mayor Bates reported of the Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting scheduled for May  
19<sup>th</sup> in Mount Carroll. It would be in the Kraft Building in the downtown and he was working  
on wish caterer to use.
5. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation TRANSFER  
to authorize the interfund transfer of \$8,000 from the water fund to the sewer fund in order to  
meet expenses. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes,  
Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation TRANSFER  
to interfund transfer \$1,000 from the garbage fund to the general fund to pay off the loan from  
the beginning of this year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko,  
yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that he would have some applications for the Downtown  
Enhancement Loan Program.
8. Clerk Cuckler reported of a grant program that could provide some signage for Point Rock Park  
for the Rivers to Ridges recreation sites network.
9. Clerk Cuckler reported of meeting with the Federal Emergency Management SNOW STORM  
Agency representatives to submit a grant for the February snow storm this year. Possible  
reimbursement could be as much as \$6,000.00.

Mayor Bates reported that there was a raffle license application for the Rotary Club that would be on the agenda for later this evening.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the Kraft Building and Stone House projects. He asked if he could have a few minutes at the next meeting to explain to the new council members the funding of the rehabilitation of the Kraft Building. Mayor Bates stated that it would be a good idea.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass Resolution ELECTION

No. R4-2011-14, 2011 ELECTION RESULTS RESOLUTION. Roll call vote: RESULTS

Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R4-2011-14 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the outgoing Aldermen CERTIFICATE  
John Boelkens, Nina Cooper, and Diane Lego. He stated each also was to take with them the name  
plates. Aldermen Boelkens, Cooper and Lego expressed their appreciation to be able to represent their  
ward on the city council.

Clerk Julie Cuckler administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected OATH OF OFFICE  
officials; Aldermen Jim Rose, Ward 1, Bob Sisler, Ward 2, Tom Charles, Ward 3, and Mike Risko,  
Ward 3 for a 2-year unexpired term.

Second roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Tom Charles, present SECOND ROLL CALL Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Mr. Berry Williams, Mount Carroll Lions Club, was in attendance and LIONS CLUB presented the council with a \$1,000.00 check from the club to be used for the rehab of the baseball diamonds at Point Rock Park after last year's flood damage. The council expressed their appreciation to the Lions Club for this contribution. Mr. Williams stated that the organization also wished to purchase two benches, with a Lions Club logo, to be placed in the downtown area. Mayor Bates asked Mr. Williams to get in contact with Lou Schau of the CDC as the one committee was working on a plan to place several benches in the downtown. This was good timing to revitalize that plan.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the LEASE lease agreement renewal with Carla Eaton to conduct the jazzercise classes in the community house for another year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the ARBOR DAY Arbor Day Proclamation as presented. Arbor Day to be celebrated on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, outgoing Alderman Diane Lego addressed the council and stated that when the council received a bonus last December she was not in favor of that, she did not take the one from the year before, she had no intention of cashing this one, and she proceeded to rip up the check she received. Mayor Bates stated this was duly noted.

Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported that he was approached about the top soil from the coring out of the walking path area from down in the park. Some of that might be able to be sold. He would talk with the superintendent about this matter.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant the raffle RAFFLE LICENSE license request to the Mount Carroll Rotary Club. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates asked the council members to consider whether they wished to have the proposed council training by the Jo Carroll Energy board members, and if so what dates would be good to schedule these. He also asked the council to consider a site visit of the city public works facilities and properties. The date scheduled was May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to start at the City shop building on Mill Street. Mayor Bates noted the spring clean up was scheduled for Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> for Moring Disposal to pick up the bulky waste items.

Ms. Ann Dougherty, Learn Great Foods, was in attendance and addressed the council about one of the comments she received from one of her latest tour groups to town. There was some concern about the amount of bathrooms open for public use in the downtown area. The council thanked Ms. Dougherty for her comment.

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

These minutes approved at the May 10, 2011 meeting. Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector

