

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the March 25, 2014 regular meeting as presented. 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 moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2014 as approved by the finance committee. 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.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT at a grand total of \$338,774.83.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 8th license & ordinance COMMITTEES committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles reported he had met with Mr. James (Henry) Meador NOISE ORDINANCE And Mr. Jim Fiser last week regarding what could or should be done to address the noise issues with the bands at the Henry's Double K business. Alderman Charles presented a proposal to set the decibel levels at a maximum level of 70 to be added to the nuisance code section under the loud and disturbing noise. The recommendation from the license and ordinance committee was to amend the nuisance code section under the loud and disturbing noise section to set the maximum decibel level at 70 measured at the complainant's property line. During the council meeting, Mr. Meador commented that he did not feel this would help the situation and he asked for consideration to have the time limit extended to midnight on the weekends. Alderman Charles commented that some from the council wanted to see how the noise limits went first in its implementation before changing the hours, and the city hoped to be able to borrow the county's meter for awhile if complaints were made. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. John Bickelhaupt, Country Financial, was in attendance to HEALTH INSURANCE report of the employee health insurance renewal for this year. RENEWAL There would be a 30% increase effective May 1st. He provided quotes for comparable plans under Blue Cross and Humana that were more expensive than the renewal. Alderman Charles asked the council to review the whole packet of information

3. The finance committee continued work on the budget for the following funds: audit, civil defense, garbage, motor fuel tax, insurance, IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund), park, cemetery, recreation, bond, bond and interest sinking fund, health and welfare fund, CDAP revolving loan fund, special tax allocation (TIF), building, and forestry. To complete the review during the council meeting this evening.

Mayor Bates commented that there was more activity at the Haas building due to the weather change and this was looking pretty good. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that the suit was filed for the Boyd building on East Market Street and the summons had been set up.

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

Mayor Bates noted the May 10th bulky waste pick up for the residents in town.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson commented that there was GENERAL AUDIENCE a lot of energy again in the downtown with some of the business changes and he had heard that someone had bought the old bank building at the Main and Market Street intersection. Alderman Sisler commented about the sign on the City water department pick up truck. He stated he knew of a vendor that could provide magnet logo signs. Alderman Risko stated he would check on that.

The council members present continued the review of the budget for the appropriation ordinance. Totals were agreed upon. To have the appropriation ordinance for approval at the next council meeting.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 22, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector