

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Police officer Dennis Asay 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 Doris Bork, absent.
Alderman Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Rumler gave the invocation.

Alderman Sisler asked to have an amendment to the minutes reflect that he had asked about the status of Eastview Drive. Mayor Bates stated he would to have that in a motion. Alderman Sisler moved to amend the minutes of the March 26th meeting to state whether the City was responsible for Eastview Drive. No second was made to the motion.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the March 26, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko 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, Risko, yes, Charles, yes and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$352,317.69 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 9th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
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1. The bills were reviewed and approved
2. Alderman Charles noted that one of the residents with a water bill account on the 5% payment option for the past due balances had paid this off early and said thank you.
3. Mr. John Bickelhaupt with Country Mutual Finance brought in the HEALTH INSURANCE City's health insurance renewals. The Blue Cross Blue Shield total premiums for this last year totaled \$60,385. Renewal total would be at \$80,200. About a 34% increase. He stated he could quote another company with the City employees' applications, and they were working on those. Once this information was received he would bring in more information.
4. Alderman Charles reported he did not have the information from Abbott Plastics for the parts to be used with the bio disc media replacement.
5. Alderman Risko presented the final draft of the Annual APPROPRIATION Appropriation Ordinance. Totals for this next year's revenues ORDINANCE at \$1,715,100 and the expenditures at \$2,074,130. The committee reviewed several line items and noted a couple of changes from the pencil draft. The finance committee recommendation to the council was to approve the final draft of the ordinance.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-4-9, An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes of the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

Ordinance No. 2013-4-9, ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Alderman Charles reported there was one quote received to consider a forensic audit. The quote was from Sikich, LLP of Rockford, IL. The price range quoted for each year of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 was for 230 hours for each year, from \$70 - \$250 per hour. The total reimbursement shall not be for more than \$143,000, except as specifically agreed by the City and the CPA. The committee tabled this matter.

Alderman Charles made a comment about the use of the health and welfare fund.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and noted that the deed 113 N MILL STREET for the 113 N. Mill Street property was still not in hand, possibly another 30 days. He reported that there was another court appearance regarding the Market Street property and they were waiting for the new architect's information.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to grant STREET SOLICITATION the street solicitation permit to the Humane Society of Carroll County for the highway intersection on May 18, 2013. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to LEASE RENEWAL approve the lease renewal with Carla Eaton for another year beginning May 1, 2013 to conduct jazzercise classes at the City community house building with the rental costs being \$100.00 per month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to accept LETTER OF RESIGNATION the letter of resignation from Mr. Terry Bausman from the City water and sewer department with the effective date of retirement as June 28, 2013. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve ARBOR DAY The Arbor Day Proclamation as presented by the mayor. Roll call PROCLAMATION vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Charles, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Arbor Day Proclamation for April 26, 2013 approved by unanimous roll call vote.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience the following presented comments to the council, Mr. Len Anderson, Mr. Dan Kruse and Ms. Teri Ebensberger. Mr. Anderson reported of a car club that would be coming to town on May 18th for a luncheon. Mr. Kruse thanked the council for their work throughout the year. Ms. Ebensberger reported of a pair of boots that were hanging on an above ground line over Benton Street and noted an issue with the front of a building in the 200 block of West Market Street.

Mayor Bates reported of several letters. One regarding a rate increase CORRESPONDENCE from the City's cable television provider, Mediacom. A letter from Skoog Landscape and Design regarding the Emerald Ash Borer issues in Illinois. A letter from Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development regarding their annual meeting on May 15th. A letter from Shimer

College regarding the inauguration of a new President on September 20, 2013 at the Chicago, IL campus. Mayor Bates reported of the upcoming planning commission meeting on April 18th.

Alderman Risko reported that there would not be a streets committee meeting on April 22nd with the remainder of the departments that evening.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 23, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector