

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Chris Rogers 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, Jim Rose, ROLL CALL
present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, absent.
Alderman Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Virgil Handel gave the invocation.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the July 10, 2012 regular meeting as presented and to approve the minutes of the July 24,
2012 regular meeting with the amendment on page 2 under the approval of the Motor Fuel Tax
Resolution to state that Aldermen Charles seconded the motion for approval. 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. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2012 as approved by the finance
committee. 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 \$421,849.07 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize an INTERFUND TRANSFER
interfund transfer of \$8,000.00 from the city general fund to the city recreation fund to be considered an
interfund loan. 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.

Alderman Charles reported of the July 24th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Ted Odendahl of the Ferguson Agency, Freeport, IL was INSURANCE
in attendance and asked whether the council would consider seeking proposals for commercial
insurance coverage this year. The City's current carrier is the Illinois Municipal League Risk
Management Association. He stated he felt he could get some other companies to provide a
competitive quote. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to
approve seeking bids for commercial insurance for the City of Mount Carroll to have the bids by
the first meeting in November. 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.
3. Discussion of the financial reports.
4. Clerk Cuckler reported of the grant receipt of \$11,700 from Blackhawk Hills R,C & D for the
City Street Light Electrical Replacement Project which was from the Energy Efficiency &
Conservation Block Grant program.
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation SQUAD REPAIRS
to authorize the transmission repair work on the City police squad car at Chucko's in Mount
Carroll at the cost of \$740.45. 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.

6. Discussion of the City's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) funds and its uses for this year.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported in order to VACANT MILL STREET proceed with abandonment process for the property located at 113 N. Mill PROPERTY the City would need an appraisal of the property and to seek a couple of proposals for the demolition of the residence. He stated that Ms. Dixie Meinsma, one of title owners, had filed her appearance. He stated that the other title owner had not been served as of today and the tax buyer located in the east coast of the US had not received their notice yet either.

Mayor Bates stated he did not have anything more to report about the building in the downtown area and he would be talking with the city attorney.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and deferred his report to the WAUKARUSA TRAILS Friends of the Waukarusa with Mr. Len Anderson and Mr. Chris Rogers making a presentation about starting a development of walking trails along the Waukarusa River in the downtown area. Mr. Anderson provided a photo of the area proposed for a walking trail behind Market Street on the south bank of the river. Phase I was to clear the brush and trees from an area about 675 feet long by 6 or 8 feet wide at least 15 feet above the river bank with an entrance from 409 N. Main Street and another entrance off of Carroll Street City parking lot area. They would install fence along the path, limit and post the hours the trail would be open, consider future development of a rest area with benches, and the funding and labor would be from their volunteer network. He noted some future development ideas, but asked for approval from the council to proceed with Phase I and to pursue an easement with Mr. Rogers to accommodate the entrance from the 409 N. Main Street property. Alderman Sisler stated he thought they should check to see if a permit was needed for the grading and leveling of the trail. City Attorney Coplan stated he would need the legal description of the area for the easement if this was approved by the council. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the proposal for Phase I of the Waukarusa River Trail Development presented by the members of the Friends of the Waukarusa. 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.

Alderman Risko noted that he had talked with some of the returning students at the Campbell Center recently and they had expressed how impressed they were with the new things happening in Mount Carroll this year. He expressed his appreciation to those that were providing more activities in the downtown.

Nicole Schueller, Municipal Services Manager for Allied Waste SERVICES WASTE SERVICES Services, was in attendance and provided a presentation of their trash and recycling pick up services for municipalities. She indicated that they would like an opportunity to submit a quote for services when the City was looking to do this. Mayor Bates and Clerk Cuckler noted that the City's contract with Moring Disposal was due to expire the end of this year. Mayor Bates stated the council might want to look at putting together a request for proposal to start the bidding process.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the iFIBER iFiber Services Agreement for the Community Anchor Institutions and AGREEMENT authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the RLF LOAN Business Loan Review Committee recommendation to approve the Revolving Loan Fund loan in the

\$19,000 to Red Gate Embroidery/ Jeff and Karen Davis, Mount Carroll, IL. 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. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve STREET SOLICITATION the street solicitation permit application from the Knights of Columbus organization for September 15, 2012 for their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, here, Charles, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported of the door to door work done in Ward 3 to SURVEY UPDATE get more of the low to moderate income surveys sent to Sharon Pepin, the City's grant consultant. He and Alderman Sisler of Ward 2 presented the clerk with an envelope with some completed surveys to get to Ms. Pepin.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson presented \$125 in more contributions collected for the City's K-9 receipts, Mr. Jeff Woodside expressed that he agreed there were good things happening in town, and Aldermen Bergren noted the good patronage in the town.

Mayor Bates reported under correspondence the City received a copy of the Insurance Services Offices, Inc. "Public Protection Classification Summary Report". Mayor Bates noted he talked with a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation and they would be doing road work on a portion of Benton Street from Route 64 into town, but leaving about 300' from where the City left off last year with the improvement. He would report back if there was any other information about this project.

Clerk Cuckler expressed her appreciation to all for the get well wishes during her recuperation and as well to Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Cindi Wiersema for stepping up and doing a good job under a bit of pressure at the last meeting.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT 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 8:27 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 28, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector