

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Nina Cooper 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the August 9, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2011 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today totaled FINANCIAL REPORT \$575,806.83. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the financial report as present. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 16th ADA committee meeting: ADA

1. Reviewed the preliminary survey information of the accessible parking areas in the downtown and discussed developing a plan for the sidewalk and curb repairs needed in the downtown areas.
2. The next meeting was scheduled for September 13th at 10:00 a.m.

It was noted that Alderman Rose would review the surveys with Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin to prioritize the items that needed to be done in the downtown.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 17th historic preservation HISTORIC PRESERVATION advisory committee meeting:

1. The committee expressed their concern about the Haas building located at the intersection of North Carroll Street and West Market Streets. Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with Mr. Haas, but no action was being presented.
2. Discussed an information presentation to be brought to a future city council meeting.

Police Chief Fred Cass reported that he had talked with a representative from the Church of God about the digital sign located at the intersection of the two highways at the south end of town. They have indicated that there was a way to tone down the brightness of the sign and would do that.

Alderman Charles reported of the August 22nd license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. The committee members present voiced their approval to have the clerk contact Sterling Codifiers for a quote to conduct a City Code revision.
2. Discussed some of the tall weeds and grass notices to go out this week.
3. Alderman Charles presented the license and ordinance committee WATER ORDINANCE

recommendation to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance with the latest draft of water ordinance changes as presented this evening. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes. and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

4. Alderman Bergren reported that he was working with the city attorney on the draft of a sign ordinance for the downtown historic district.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 22nd cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. The consensus of the committee members and council members present was to approve the placement of a bench near the Don and Georgia Petty cemetery lot at the City cemetery. Clerk Cuckler and Superintendent Dauphin to coordinate with the donor, Sharon (Spealman) Walsh and the petty family members.
2. To contact the Law-Jones Funeral Homes and Ivey Monument businesses about improvements to more of the old monuments at the cemetery this year. To have quotes for the second council meeting in September.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 22nd water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER

1. Alderman Bork provided a handout from Alderman Sisler, that she noted was in the hospital today, from the national Fire protection Association (NFPA) regarding fire hydrant flushing. Superintendent Dauphin reported that Superintendent Handel was not able to attend this meeting, but he had reported to him that they had flushed and inspected up to about one half of the hydrants so far this month.

Alderman Risko reported of the August 22nd street committee meeting: STREETS

1. Superintendent Dauphin had reported that Benton Street had been primed by the County Highway Department and was scheduled to be completed on Tuesday with the double seal coat.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported that they would be working with the State highway Department crew to repair the collapsed storm sewers on Clay Street.
3. Discussed the work to be done yet this year: gutter work on South Main Street and Rapp Street; the trails at Point Rock Park; brick street work on Main Street; and will complete the ditch work near the property located at 601 E. Silk Street.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 22nd police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Mr. David Johnston, TEAM products, Mimi Raab, 115 N. Clay Street, and Freddie Preston, a member of the Carroll County Substance Education Coalition, were in attendance and presented their appreciation and support for the City having the K-9 dog, Scout. Mayor Bates stated he did not feel there was going to be any further action or discussion about retiring or giving Scout away unless the police committee members present a recommendation to that effect. Chief Cass reported that recently he had needed Scout's back up services when going into a building.
2. After discussion it was the consensus of the committee to have the police department job descriptions up for approval by the council at the first meeting in September.

Alderman Charles reported of the August 23rd finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Bid opening for the community house bathrooms remodeling project. Zickau Construction submitted the only bid. Total cost: \$52,055.26. Mayor Bates to contact Mr. Jay Zickau to talk with him about the bid and project and report back to the council. BID OPENING
3. Discussion of the request from the Mount Carroll Bowling Center TIF FUNDING regarding TIF funding and possible action to authorize funding from the City's Special Tax Allocation Fund (TIF receipts). Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the payment of \$5,000.00 to be paid to the Mount Carroll Bowling

Center from the TIF funds. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

4. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the Straddle Creek Foods had come into the Market Street Commons building. He also reported of the Brick Street Saturday events on September 3rd. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee ENTERTAINMENT recommendation to authorize the payment of \$300.00 to the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce from the City band fund for the entertainment at the Brick Street Saturday event. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Schau reported the Car Cruise event last weekend was very successful.

5. Chief Cass reported that the police department had received a grant from the National Rifle Association to be used towards K-9 training and equipment purchases such as safety vests and defibrillator.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the Knights STREET Of Columbus organization request to conduct a street solicitation at the SOLICITATION downtown and highway intersections on September 10, 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, present, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the ADDRESS CHANGE property address change request from Troy and Linda Puleo, 210 North Jackson Street, to 311 East Rapp Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience comment and correspondence the following was presented:

1. Mrs. Karen Bochat, Mount Carroll Bowling Center, expressed her appreciation to the council for considering their request and approving the funding.
2. Mr. Jason Johns, Knights of Columbus, expressed his appreciation to the council for approving the street solicitation request.
3. Mayor Bates noted the press release from Mr. Mike Boland, former State Representative, regarding his official announcement of his campaign for election to Congress from the 17th Congressional District.
4. Chief Cass reported that the new Ford Explorer squad vehicle had been delivered to the local dealer this week.
5. Mayor Bates noted the swimming pool report submitted by the manager.
6. Alderman Rose noted he had checked on the doorway and passageway measurement requirements to be considered when looking at the swimming pool access.

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

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 13, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler

City Clerk & Collector