

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Tom Cravatta 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, absent, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the November 27, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,  
Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes 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 December 2012 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes and  
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$525,791.91 as FINANCIAL REPORT  
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 11<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation ESTATE RECEIPT  
to approve the deposit of the check from the Thomas Campbell Estate into the City cemetery  
operation and maintenance fund. Total of the check \$2,045.64. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler,  
yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no, and  
1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation BONUSES  
to approve the employee holiday bonuses as follows: \$100.00 to the full time employees, \$50.00  
to the part time employees that make more that \$4,000 in a year's time, and \$50.00 to the City  
pool manager for this last summer (Debora Gallentine). Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes,  
Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1  
absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation HOLIDAY AD  
to approve the purchase of the Holiday ad in the Mirror Democrat newspaper at the cost of  
\$88.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, and  
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation CREDIT CARD  
to authorize the mayor's signature on the City's updated credit card application with The  
National Bank. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork,  
yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Charles noted he wished to table the discussion about the purchase of the 2007 dump  
truck to the next meeting.
7. Discussed the Wendling Quarry letter about prices for rock next year.
8. Alderman Charles reported that he had a new pay scale in the draft of the employee handbook  
and he asked everyone to start to review the document.

9. Discussed the TIF fund expenses and to have this on the agenda for the next finance committee meeting.
10. Mayor Bates reported that Sharon Pepin would be at the next council meeting to discuss the City's capital improvement plan and projects and possible grants.
11. Mayor Bates noted some information about the monthly financial reports.
12. Alderman Charles commented about the accounts payable done each meeting and their review along with any interfund transfers. He noted the finance committee would be reviewing the bank account reconciliations once completed after the first of the month.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that there were status hearings set regarding the Mill Street and Market Street properties. It was noted that there were some orange barricades along the parking by that property.

113 N MILL ST

MARKET ST PROPERTY

Alderman Sisler reported of three changes to his draft of the Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials that were submitted by Mr. Pate of Moring Disposal. The one portion was under the Scope of Services in paragraph A. adding the preparation of the refuse bags and a weight limit; under paragraph E. in the same section the last sentence was to now read: "All special collections shall be billed to and paid by the individual customer per contractors terms for the requested collection."; the exhibits were updated; and Mr. Larry Moring was to be the party signing the agreement for Moring Disposal, Inc. Alderman Risko asked the city attorney if there was a problem with the recitals being removed from this document. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that it did not detract from its purpose if they were left out. Alderman Risko asked about the section under Compensation in paragraph B. where the City will now be paying for dumpster pick up service for three dumpsters. This will cost the City \$1,600 annually when we have never had to pay separately for this before. Alderman Sisler stated this was not specified in the RFP that all of the council saw and approved and he stated he did not see why they should do this for free. Mr. Pate of Moring Disposal, Inc. commented that in the past this had been figured into their price as quoted. He stated they feared they would get under cut this year and set a price lower than they have been getting. Alderman Risko asked if Mr. Pate had asked for this compensation to be added. Mr. Pate said no but he would not turn it down either. Alderman Charles and Alderman Risko noted that they felt we have been served well by Moring Disposal, Inc. and they are happy to continue with them. Alderman Risko stated he felt that the way this was handled was not fair to the citizens, we had a cost for the package and now there is an added amount, he did not feel the committee did a very good job with this. Alderman Sisler stated the City should not expect a free service. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mr. Pate of Moring Disposal thanked the council and wished them all a Happy Holiday season.

SOLID WASTE PICK UP  
AGREEMENT

VARIANCE

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation and approve the variance application submitted by Mr. Ronald Rasmussen to construct a wood deck up to the east boundary line of his property located at 108 E. State Road in Mount Carroll. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported he had authorized the City employees to be paid for the ½ day before the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Under general audience Mr. Tom Cravatta addressed the council about the matter of the scrap metal debris on Mr. James Johnson's property along East Commercial Street. He had contacted the mayor about this matter some time ago. Alderman Bork stated she had it on her list of properties to be cleaned up. The council members present voiced their approval to have a Notice to Abate served upon Mr. Johnson to have this cleaned up within 30 days of receipt of his notice.

Mayor Bates noted the correspondence from Moring Disposal regarding picking up 20,100 pounds of recyclable materials in November 2012. Mayor Bates asked Alderman Sisler for a copy of the correspondence he quoted from at the last meeting from Mr. Kevin Bryant of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Alderman Sisler stated he would get a copy of that to him.

Discussed a letter from the city's consulting engineers. This matter would be discussed further during the next water and sewer committee meeting.

Mr. Len Anderson asked to have the water and sewer superintendent contact him about a drainage issue he has been concerned about into the basement of his property.

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT  
Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Bergren, 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 December 18, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector  
City of Mount Carroll