

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Kruse 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, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Vince Wilczynski gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the December 11, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,
Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. 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. Alderman Sisler stated that the cemetery board members would like to go up to the cemetery
to look at the work done by Moore Monument before payment was sent to them. The information
attached to the billing might indicate that not all of the work was completed. Alderman Charles moved
and Alderman Risko seconded to amend the motion to remove the Moore Monument bill from the
accounts payable for approval. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes,
Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The amendment to the main motion was carried.
Mayor Bates called for roll call vote on the motion as amended. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes,
Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion
was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$533,477.30 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 18th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved. The Moore Monument bill was reviewed by the two
members of the cemetery board.
2. Alderman Charles presented a proposal for the purchase of the TRUCK PURCHASE
2007 dump truck from the Mount Carroll Township and proposed financing. Total price of
\$37,500 was clarified. Proposed payment as follows: From the park fund \$9,675 as a loan to the
general fund; from the (enterprise) depreciation fund \$11,000 (also decided as a loan to the
general fund); from the TIF account (special tax allocation fund) \$6,825; and from the general
fund \$10,000. Upon purchase of the 2007 dump truck the city will sell a 1990 and 1992 dump
truck by sealed bid. The advertising campaign will compose of a mailing to 132 current users of
dump trucks in a five county area. The trucks can be advertised on Craig's List which is free and
the trucks will be displayed on the State Highway 64 on the premises known as the former "Bait
Shop" during the sale period. Before all of the above actions start the City will advertise the two
dump trucks in the local papers for sale by sealed bid. The City will accept all bids but will
refuse the right to sell either of the two vehicles if the bids are not high enough. The City could
reasonably be expected to receive between \$9,000 and \$15,000 for the sale of the old dump
trucks. The minimum bid required will be \$4,000 for the 1990 truck and \$5,000 for the 1992
truck. The money received from the sale of the surplus trucks would be applied to the general
fund which would in turn repay the loan to the park fund (and the depreciation fund). The

bidding on the trucks will start on 1/7/2013 and end 1/21/2013. Proposed to have bids opened on 1/22/2013. Also, the City's insurance costs should be reduced by about \$500 per year with one less truck on the policy. The option 2 was to consider the purchase of a new truck in 2013. In discussion Alderman Risko noted he felt we had decided to purchase this truck if we could figure out how to pay for it. Alderman Bork asked the sale of the old trucks. Alderman Charles stated he knew of some interest in the old trucks, but that was not guaranteed. If the City were to approve of option 1, Alderman Charles stated we would ask the city attorney to draft a purchase agreement with the Township, then advertise for bids for the sale of the old trucks. Alderman Sisler questioned whether to use the depreciation fund. This is part of the enterprise funds (water and sewer). The primary use of the truck was not for these departments. Alderman Charles noted this question could be asked of the city attorney and if it needed to be paid back the street department could do that. Alderman Sisler commented that this item was not budgeted for in this (fiscal) year. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the financing and purchase of the 2007 dump truck from the Mount Carroll Township pending a signed agreement from the township. Total cost at \$37,500 and to amend the proposed option 1 financing to include that the depreciation fund is an interfund transfer as well as the park fund and would need to be paid back. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

3. It was noted that the annual tax levy was under new business for this evening's meeting.
4. The Moore Monument bill and statement was reviewed regarding the stone repairs.
5. The committee discussed with the city attorney the use of the depreciation fund towards the purchase of the dump truck. He suggested that this amount in proportion might be more than these other departments would use the truck, so unless there was a predetermined amount the committee might want to consider paying this back. The committee discussed talking with the department heads about the equipment use and setting some percentage amounts towards that equipment between the different departments.

The council discussed the update regarding the properties on Mill Street and Market Street. Noted there were court dates set. The matter would be on the agenda MARKET ST PROPERTY for the next meeting.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services was in attendance and addressed the council about the next go round of Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) public infrastructure grant programs. The deadline to submit one of these applications is February 15th. She stated the City now had an updated income survey that would meet that portion of the requirements and one project from the City's sanitary sewer evaluation study of 2004 for sanitary sewer lining did not require an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) construction permit, which means the design engineering could be completed at a later date, or upon grant award. She provided two proposals from MSA Professional Services and Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc., area engineering firms, that would provide the necessary scope of work and cost estimates needed to submit the grant application. Both proposals were at no cost. Ms. Pepin's proposed fee to write the CDAP Public Infrastructure grant application was \$3,500.00. In discussion it was decided to have this proposal on the agenda for the council's next meeting on January 8th.

GRANT WRITE
PROPOSAL

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12-5 Ordinance No. 2012-12-5, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2013. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2012-12-5 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under general audience Ms. Teri Ebenzberger asked if the downtown liquor businesses were going to be allowed to stay open until 3:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve as has been done in the past. Mayor Bates stated that this would be allowed and he was going to notify the chief of police of this matter.

Mayor Bates reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Kevin Bryant IEPA LOAN from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding Alderman Sisler's comments at a past meeting and again referenced in a letter to the editor in the Mirror Democrat (on December 5, 2012). Mayor Bates read the following from his e-mail from Mr. Bryant: "Mr. Bates, After reviewing this issue with my manager, I am now in agreement with you and your advisors that the rule you mention below does not apply to this loan. The reserve account is only required if the source of revenue is pledged in a subordinate position to a revenue bond ordinance. This loan does not meet that criteria. If any further questions arise in this matter, I will gladly have our Agency Attorney address the issues. I apologize to you and all previous inquiring parties for any confusing information I may have previously sent to anyone requesting information on this project. Thanks again, Kevin Bryant, IL EPA." Alderman Sisler commented that this was great news that we did not have to do anything and that resolves what had been obtained by the auditors in 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Bates presented a copy of an e-mail from Denny Pate with MORING DISPOSAL Moring Disposal, Inc. asking the City to consider extending this current contract another two years. Mayor Bates noted that this was not on the agenda for tonight so this matter could be added to the finance committee agenda for the next meeting with all that was proposed in the e-mail correspondence.

Mayor Bates noted that on Friday December 21st the community churches and the city hall would be participating in the bell ringing memorial for the students and teachers that were killed at the elementary school shooting on December 14th in Newtown, Connecticut.

Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with a representative from WIPFLi, LLP the City's consulting auditing firm. They reported to him that they had received a packet from Alderman Doris Bork. He stated he was acknowledging that to everyone here. He noted that was the only response there was as there were no specific questions presented.

Alderman Sisler asked the city attorney a question about modifying the waste removal service contract. City Attorney Ronald Coplan noted that the City had entered into negotiations with the low bidder when accepting the bid.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 8, 2013 regular meeting with the following amendment:

“The mayor said that we (Aldermen) were not allowed to talk with the auditors except through him.”

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector