

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Eric Dauphin 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.
Aldermen Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Mark Traum gave the invocation.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the December 13, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose,
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was
carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2011 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and
Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$449,891.39 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. Alderman Sisler noted there was a difference of 10 cents in the account balances from the
beginning of the month from the report presented last meeting. Clerk Cuckler noted it was in the TIF
Fund after reviewing Alderman Sisler's copy of the reports. It was noted to check on this difference.
Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the financial report and to check on
the balance difference. Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and
Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 19th license & ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Reviewed the draft ordinance regarding the Peddlers, Solicitors & Transient Merchants, tabled
any discussion of an ATV ordinance, and Alderman Charles reported of work to be done yet on
an employee handbook.

Aldermen Rose, Bergren and Risko reported of the cemetery, streets, CEMETERY, STREETS
water and sewer & police committee meetings of December 19th: WATER & SEWER & POLICE

1. Discussed the use of the tractors for grave openings at the cemetery, and the department heads
expressed their appreciation to the city council for approving the bonus to the employees again
this year.
2. Discussed some curb and ditch repair near the Shaw's grocery store on South Jackson Street.
3. Under water and sewer, Superintendent Handel reported that the switches at the well houses
were installed, the water hydrants had been flushed and assessed, and noted the maintenance
work needed and being done at the sewer plant.
4. Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Charles seconded to authorize TRAINING
Water and sewer employees, Russell Handel and Terry Bausman, to attend the conference and
training sessions at the Illinois Rural Water Association conference in Effingham, IL on
February 21st through the 23rd at a cost of \$770.00 plus mileage. Roll call vote: Aldermen
Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0
noes. The motion was carried.

5. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to purchase the Taser X2 training equipment, all equipment needed, and implement this program within the department. Total Cost \$2,190.90. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried. **TASER EQUIP.**

Alderman Charles reported of the December 27th finance committee meeting: **FINANCE**

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to SALARY INCREASES to approve a 2.4% salary increase for the full time employees retroactive to November 1, 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The committee reviewed the TIF expense report.

Lou Schau, CDC, reported the public restroom signs were now being displayed at the Market Street Commons building. **CDC UPDATE**

Alderman Risko reported that the Mount Carroll Community Foundation organization was moving forward and the Market Street Art Guild has committed to help with fundraising to set up a scholarship.

Ms. Jill VanRoekel, Winkel, Parker and Foster, was in attendance and presented the annual audit report and accompanying letters. She reviewed several sections from the financial statements and the letters for the council to consider. She noted it was a clean audit report. **ANNUAL AUDIT**

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the city attorney to draft the ordinance needed to approve the special use permit for Ms. Susan Rogers at 102 S. Main Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried. **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Rose seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2011-12-10, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY WATER METERS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2011-12-10 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. **2011-12-10**

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass Resolution Resolution No. R12-2011-3, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF MAIL PROCESSING THROUGH THE ROCKFORD POSTAL CENTER. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates noted the proposal from the postal service was to close this center and move it all to Madison, Wisconsin. **RESOLUTION**

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass Resolution Resolution No. R12-2011-4, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. **RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. R12-2011-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Risko invited all of the council members to attend the next Mt. Carroll Rotary meeting at the Land of Oz on January 3rd at noon. Mr. Dan Payette would be in attendance to talk about the iFiber construction in the area. ROTARY MEETING

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson wished all in attendance a Happy New Year.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates reported of the letter from the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois regarding the upcoming cookie sale dates in town. No objections to this were noted by the council members in attendance.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Department of Employment Security regarding the city's unemployment insurance rate going from 2.5% to 2.95% for the next calendar year.

The council reviewed the report regarding the Walgreens stock.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:18.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 10, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector