

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Joe Lenz 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Ricketts gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the December 23, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent.
The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2014 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$460,908.01 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Charles reported of the January 14th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation AUDIT BIDS
to seek bids for auditing services for this fiscal year ending April 30, 2014. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Risko, absent. Vote: 5
yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. It was noted that the water bills were late being delivered to the WATER BILLS
residents in high numbers this month. Question about whether to waive the penalty on the bills
for this month. To discuss this matter later at the council meeting.
4. Discussion of the Carroll County Leadership Roundtable scholarships being offered for this
year's program.
5. Alderman Charles provided a general discussion to review an SEWER USER RATES
increase to the sewer user charges. This matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
6. To start in the budget next meeting with a review of the police department.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported the contractor was UPDATE OF THE HAAS
not doing any work at this time due to the weather. BUILDING
To have some information about the NIU Net costs for the iFiber use.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services, CDAP GRANT FOR
was in attendance to report of the CDAP grant for the City's SEWER PROJECT
sewer lining project. The grant was awarded and the agreement was signed by the mayor. The project
work was to install lining into about 3,000 linear feet of deteriorated sanitary sewer piping to alleviate
residential sewer back-ups and flooding at the wastewater treatment plant. The estimated costs of the
total project for construction, engineering and grant administration were at \$135,800. The City's share

of these costs would be at 25% or about \$32,500. Ms. Pepin reviewed the proposed project timeline. The City would need to have an environmental and flood plain review, secure the engineers and request proposals for grant administration services. The City would have up to two years to expend the grant funds for this project. Discussed other projects to consider in the future such as installation of new water meters and conduct a sewer plant facility plan.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass MFT RESOLUTION
 A Resolution of the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois, Appropriating \$25,000.00 of motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Purpose of Maintaining Streets and Highways under the Applicable Provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Roll call vote:
 Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

The council discussed the recent issues of the delay of the garbage service PUBLIC NOTICE
 pick up due to the weather and the mailing and delayed delivery of the water bills this month due to the postal service sorting problems. Clerk Cuckler reported that the garbage services the first week of this month were delayed due to the extreme low temperatures and wind conditions. Getting the information to the public is somewhat limited but the local radio station was called and they put out a notice. Noted that the City/Chamber website could be used more as well as looking into a Facebook page. To check on using the website more for some of these matters.

WATER BILL PENALTIES
 Clerk Cuckler asked the council to consider waiving the penalties on the water bills this month in light of the fact that some of the residents still have not received their bills. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to waive the late fees on the water bills for this month. Roll call vote:
 Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the January 16th Northern Illinois Mayors NIMA MEETING
 Association meeting to be held in Thomson, IL at the Heirloom Market and Café.

Under general audience the mayor of Lanark, IL, John Huggins, reported GENERAL AUDIENCE
 that the cities of Lanark and Savanna both have a website and a Facebook page. Mr. Len Anderson stated he wanted to compliment the city crew for their clean up work after the snow and ice storms this year.

CORRESPONDENCE
 Under correspondence the Mayor noted the letter from Moring Disposal, Inc. stating they picked up 32,700 pounds of recycling materials during the month of December 2013. Noted the letter from Storm Siren, Inc. regarding storm warning equipment. Noted the correspondence from Mr. Krull regarding his timeline to demolish the 113 N. Mill Street property buildings. Noted the copies of the Freedom of Information Act requests from Mr. John Kraft (Edgar County Watchdog group) that requested a lot of information.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Rose seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT
 meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 28, 2014 regular meeting.
 Julie A. Cuckler
 City Clerk & Collector