

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Hector Apontp III 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, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the May 28, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, 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 June 2013 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$378,009.13 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Grim reported of the June 10th recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES
RECREATION

1. Discussed the replacement of one or more of the toilets in the bathrooms. To talk with Superintendent Handel for his recommendation and will report back.
2. Discussed the need for a new reel and cover. Cost estimates around \$3,000. Manager Jessica Moore mentioned having a fundraiser to get some funds for the project. It was noted at the council meeting that the activities and date should be presented to the clerk to notify the City's insurance.
3. Discussed the female lifeguards swim wear.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 11th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved. Discussed some of the line items in the Mount Carroll Home Center statement.
2. No action taken regarding the part time police officers.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation POOL VACUUM
to approve the increase in the City's contribution towards the purchase of a new pool vacuum; the total cost at \$3,400 and the City's cost at \$1,000.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to amend the motion to state that the total cost would not exceed \$3,500 for the pool vacuum. Roll call vote on the amendment:
Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Roll call vote on the amended main motion: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko reported at the finance committee meeting that the increase in the City's portion of the cost was that the Rotary Club's grant funding was lowered for this year.

4. Discussed the repairs of the cemetery grave stones.
5. Alderman Charles and Risko noted that the auditors were here in city hall this week.

Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to **JOB POSTING** approve the job posting for the open position with the City water and sewer department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported that two of the current city employees, Greg Kloeping and Mark Traum, had turned in the job posting interest form for the water and sewer department job opening.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that the **113 N. MILL STREET** adjacent owners to the property located at 113 N. Mill Street have indicated that they were no longer interested in the property when assessing what was needed to demolish the buildings. There was another party that stated an interest and he reported he would make contact with them and report back. In discussion about the Haas property located at the corner of Carroll and **CARROLL & MARKET STREET** Market Streets the council members present voiced their approval to **STREET** ask the city attorney to make contact to the county to get a court order to have the property vacated of the tenants and set up whatever fencing was necessary to keep people away from the building. City Attorney Coplan reported that Mrs. Haas did have plans drawn up for contractors to submit proposals for the building repair.

Alderman Charles reported that Mr. Johnson the owner of the vacant lot **COMMERCIAL STREET** located along the 300 block of East Commercial Street had almost all of the steel removed from the property, was working with someone to remove the iron and the car body, and would be burning some of the brush piles after that was done. Mr. Tom Cravatta, owner of a business near this property was in attendance and addressed the council about the matter of the trees that were also on this property. He stated he had information that these trees could be considered as noxious trees. Alderman Sisler stated that there was also hemlock on this property, he thought probably on the City right-of-way area. Discussed that Mr. Johnson might conduct a boundary survey for his records. No action presented. The council discussed how to approach the owners of the Bushy Flats buildings in the 200 block of East Market Street to start a plan to clean up the outside of the buildings from debris and get it all mowed and then assess whether there are any other health and safety issues. Some of the committee members of the license and ordinance committee had indicated that they would start to make contact with the property owners.

Mr. Lou Schau was in attendance to provide some information about the **iFIBER OPTIONS** iFiber Network service providers. He noted there could be a public-private partnership developed to provide the service to a group of customers. They were still receiving information from the providers and he would report more at the June 24th committee meeting as he has another commitment on the council meeting night.

Alderman Risko reported that the cemetery board would be considering the stone repairs at a board meeting and would present a recommendation to the council from that meeting.

Mr. Troy Tucker of Bella's and Nino Novakovic and Jill Luning of Charlie's Bar and Grill were in attendance and addressed the council about the proposed Ordinance Relating to the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages. In discussion with the council for the operations of the Market Street Block Fest activity on June 29th several portions of the ordinance were suggested for amendments. On page one, under number 1, change the time from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. On page one, under number 3, delete in the first sentence "restricted to beer and wine only" portion and change all references to 12:00 noon to 9:00 a.m.

On page two, under number 5, in the second and last sentence here, delete the second word “each” and delete the last phrase “and to further identify the licensee providing the alcoholic beverage”.

On page two, under number 9, change the time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The amended ordinance would be available to the council for consideration at the next meeting on June 25th. Discussed whether some of the band funds could be used to help with the entertainment costs for this event. Mayor Bates and Alderman Charles stated they would have that on the agenda for the next meeting also.

Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise organizer, asked for consideration to MARKET STREET close the 100 block of West Market Street for restricted parking for the car cruise night activities this summer. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the closing of this block for the restricted parking for the car cruises this summer at requested. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Alderman Risko reported of the work done on the sidewalk and retaining wall repair in the downtown, Mr. Anderson asked about another building along Market Street that had bricks falling away from the front of the building, Mayor Bates reported the city crew would be working on the placement of the new park equipment sometime soon, and Alderman Grim and Pool Manager Jessica Moore asked about some options for a fundraiser for the City pool.

Mayor Bates reported the May 2013 report from Moring Disposal, Inc. stated they had picked up 31,680 pounds of recyclables.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Charles, yes.. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 25, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

