

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Marisa Zemesarajs 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 Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the June 10, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeases 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 2014 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 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT at a grand total of \$442,837.30.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 24th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS

1. Noted were the ongoing and completed projects: Maintaining equipment; discussed the clean up after the storm damage; discussed the park equipment maintenance; noted the ford at the park was closed for a time after the heavy rain from the storm; working on a sign replacement listing; and the priority list for street repairs were reviewed and presented.
 - A. East Benton Street needs another seal coating this year. Cost at \$1,800
 - B. Southeast Lane from Lovers Lane to South Jackson Street needs grinding and road rock. Cost at \$5,925
 - C. Blacktop patching work on East Lincoln Street. Cost \$6,000
 - D. State Street from North clay Street to Lincoln Street needs a blacktop overlay. Cost \$18,034
 - E. South East Street from Ridge Street to Route 64. To tear out, put on road rock base and seal coat. Cost \$40,300Total of these projects at \$72,059. Have budgeted in the general for \$70,000 for maintenance of streets and have budgeted \$18,000 for seal coating in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

2. Discussed the disposal of the old pool cover and reel.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 24th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Alderman Risko reported of the hazardous stones that Mr. Jon Appell had noted from his visit here in May. The consensus of the committee members in attendance was to approve seeking a proposal from local vendors in the area for the repair of the tall, hazardous stones.
2. Noted the cemetery grounds were looking good this year.
3. Alderman Risko stated he would have an article in the newspaper about the city cemetery, some history, its funding and what was being considered in the establishment of the endowment fund with the Mount Carroll Foundation.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that one of the lawn mowers would be getting some repairs. It

4. was down due to electrical problems.
5. Alderman Risko presented the cemetery board recommendation BENCH PLACEMENT to approve the placement of a bench on the Fred Clark cemetery lot. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the request from Mr. Fred Clark to have a cement memorial bench placed on the cemetery lot that he owns. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Discussed the paver bricks that are located at the burning grounds on Galena Street.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 24th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. At 6:26 p.m. the committee went into closed session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. The committee meeting was back in open session at 7:10 p.m.
2. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation ADVERTISEMENT to advertise to accept applications for the position of full time and part time police officers with the applications to be into the City Hall office by July 22nd, and the chief would provide the copy of the ad to the clerk. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.
3. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation NICK MEEKER that Mr. Nick Meeker would not be hired on as a part time police officer upon his termination this week and that his obligation of the proposed (reimbursement of) \$400 be considered paid in full. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 24th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Superintendent Handel reported that one pump from the sewer plant PUMP REPAIRS was sent in for repairs. The cost would be about \$2,000.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that there was some repair work to BIO DISCS be done to the rotating bio discs. The cost for those materials would be \$4,700.00
3. The pool cover and reel had been delivered, but was not in use yet.
4. Superintendent Handel reported that the tower maintenance was done today.
5. Discussed doing the flush of the fire hydrants this coming fall season.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee FIREWORKS DONATION recommendation to approve the contribution of \$250 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department for the fireworks display. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation SOFTWARE to approve going with Hometown Tech Solutions for this year for support and maintenance of the City Hall software at the cost of \$2,500 and to review the status of this at that one year anniversary. 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 reported of the June 24th license & ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE meeting:

1. The committee discussed and reviewed another draft of the proposed animal and dog ordinance. The items discussed from the last meeting regarding the impounding of the dogs and expense reimbursement included. The time ran out for this discussion so the committee meeting was to be continued to

after the council meeting on this evening.

Ms. Marisa Zemesarajs, intern from Denison University, was in CAMPBELL CENTER attendance to report of the activities to develop the Campbell Center Community School classes for this upcoming fall season on the campus. She provided the class listing and noted the advertising for this would start soon.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 28th and June 18th historic HISTORIC PRESERVATION preservation committee meetings:

1. Discussed the workshop that Cindy Pingitore attended the first week of June.
2. Discussed repair work to the walking tour signs around town.
3. To conduct a resurvey of the historic district.
4. Start work on the development of another walking tour brochure for the City.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services, GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE was in attendance and reported of the status of the sewer lining project. There was another aspect of the environmental review that was needed to be completed then the City could secure an agreement with the engineers to begin the development of the specifications for bidding. She reported that the engineers would be meeting with the water & sewer superintendent to refine the scope of work for this project. Ms. Pepin reported she had the SEARCH grant application completed and would get the mayor's signature for this to submit the grant to the USDA. This grant was to conduct a study of the needs for the development of the sewer plant.

Under general audience Mr. Judson Smith, Lincoln Street, GENERAL AUDIENCE addressed the council about the matters of the police committee meeting earlier this evening, the city attorney statement, and the consideration of the endowment fund and complimented the city crew for their clean up of the trees and debris from the roads after the recent storm. Mr. Lou Schau, Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation, addressed the council about a new business in the Market Street Commons building and the outside veranda. Alderman Sisler commented about several ordinance violations that were still not being attended.

Under correspondence, Alderman Sisler noted the posting from a newspaper article regarding the noise ordinance issues in Wauconda, IL. Alderman Grim reported of the 4th of July activities that are handled by the Mount Carroll Fire Department.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

