

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan Kloeping 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 Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the June 12, 2012 regular meeting as presented. 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2012. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose,
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The
motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$426,213.08 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 25th license & ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussed a question about the food vendor's requirement for liability insurance at the Car Cruise Night activities and noted a complaint about a property on East Broad Street. Police Chief Cass stated he had talked with the resident of the Broad Street property about the complaint issues.
2. Reviewed a listing of unkempt properties. After discussion the consensus of the committee was to contact all of the property owners of the "Bushy Flats" area in the 200 block of East Market Street and the property owners of Law's Excavating located in the 500 block of East Benton Street to ask them to attend a meeting of the committee to discuss the clean up of the outside of their properties. The meeting was scheduled for July 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall.
3. Alderman Sisler noted a burning ordinance violation at a property located on Jefferson Street.
4. Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with Mr. Joe Haas about his building with the bowed west wall located at the corner of Market and Carroll Street in the downtown. He had stated that his contractor, Gary Harris has provided suggested repairs to the building. Mayor Bates reported that Mr. Harris had talked with the City consulting engineer, today the 26th, about this matter with his proposed renovation and the comment from Mr. Birkel of MSA Professional Services was that this would be effective. Noted that the new wall would be exposed concrete instead of brick and the City would need to deed over an approximately 8" wide strip of property. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to accept the proposal to repair (Mr. Haas building) and move forward with the process to have a survey completed. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, here, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 25th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussed the seeding of the lots after burials, the meeting dates and times and the old stone repairs.
2. Consensus of the committee to recommend to the council to MEMORIAL BENCH

family lot location at the city cemetery. Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the request from the Dorothy Rogers family with the stipulation that the bench be placed on a cement slab that extends around six inches out from the base of the bench. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 25th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Superintendent Handel reported of the projects the department was working on and would be helping his department with in the next week.
2. The committee discussed whether a part time employee was PART TIME EMPLOYEE needed to help keep up with the work. To consider hiring back one person. Mayor Bates and Superintendent Dauphin to report back to the council with someone to fill the position and have the council approval to set the hourly salary to be paid.
3. Alderman Sisler reported of a hole in the tube located near the alley STREET REPAIRS behind the Alex Veith property. (Mr. Veith is located at the corner of Turnbaugh and Porter Streets. Also, to consider looking at the drainage issues at Mr. Springer's property located in the 400 block of East Benton Street.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 25th water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Superintendent Handel reported of the installation of the pool lift SWIMMING POOL to meet the ADA compliance. He noted there was an extension for compliance to August 2013. The City has applied for a construction permit so when that is issued they would be able to proceed. He stated they have ordered the equipment so they are planning to install this fall.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that they flushed the fire hydrant at the corner of North Galena Street and West State Street today. They are planning to do this periodically to see if this helps with the rust problems in the area.
3. Superintendent Handel reported that they would be working on the BUS GARAGE WATER Mill Street water service line to the school bus garage and retie this LINE to the 8" main. It was on the old 4' line there and he would like to abandon that main in this area. It has been a problem and this would be the last service to be changed. This would also abandon two fire hydrants here. The other two hydrants are hooked to the 8" main and would provide all of the requirements for fire safety, but he would recommend adding one or two hydrants back in the future when the budget would allow. The consensus of the committee was to do this project.
4. Reviewed the need for the bio disc media replacement at the sewerage treatment plant. \$50,000 cost estimate for the materials from Siemens. Alderman Bergren presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the water & sewer BIO DISC PROJECT superintendent to order the materials for the bio disc replacement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 25th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Reviewed the monthly report provided by the chief.
2. Discussed the proposal from Chief Cass to consider hiring Nicholas PART TIME OFFICER Meeker as a part time police officer trainee and pay for some of Nick's expenses for the part time officer academy. The cost of the training was at \$3,220 and the City would receive a reimbursement of about \$1,540 once the training was completed. Nick was very interested and he had worked for the City public works departments last summer. Alderman Sisler asked about Mr. Meeker's commitment to the City once his training was done. To consider an agreement

with Mr. Meeker to have a certain amount of time working with the City after the 9-month training was completed. Alderman Charles presented to the council members the form proposed for this evening's meeting to acknowledge the terms of employment that the City and the applicant could review and agree upon." With a start date of 6/26/2012, Nick Meeker would be hired to the position of part time police officer (trainee) at position pay grade of 10; Starting pay grade/hourly pay/step raise dates: Starting pay-Grade 5 (\$10.34), Successfully completion of part time police officer academy on 4/2013-Grade 7 (\$12.20), Step increase on 9/26/2013 to Grade 8 (\$12.66), Step increase on 6/26/2014 to Pay Grade 9 (\$13.76), Step increase on 6/26/2015 to Pay Grade 10 (\$14.22); Benefits offered and conditions of Employment: The City of Mt. Carroll will Pay Nick Meeker his hourly rate for all training. All travel expense and travel time will be at employee's expense. Employee agrees to remain part time city police officer for 18 months after completion of the training. Failure to remain a police officer for the City of Mt. Carroll for 18 months after completion of training will require a reimbursement to the city the sum of \$100.00 per month for the time not served." Mayor Bates and Alderman Sisler noted they thought it was discussed to have the time period up to twenty-four months instead of eighteen. Mayor Bates stated he was okay with whatever the council settled upon. Mr. Meeker stated that he was very agreeable with what was proposed. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to hire Mr. Nick Meeker as a part time police officer in training with the agreement proposed for this evening. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

3. Alderman Sisler noted he had heard about a couple of incidents involving the police department. Mayor Bates stated that these matters had been handled and dealt with.
4. Superintendent Handel asked Chief Cass and Mayor Bates about the 4th of July activities for this year. No problems were noted or mentioned.
5. Alderman Rose asked about the taser equipment. Chief Cass stated the equipment was delivered.

6. The committee members present reviewed some sections of the proposed employee handbook. Alderman Sisler stated that he wished to have reflected in the minutes of his recommendation to have the police department employees look to have formal training on personnel issues.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 26th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles noted that the other item for finance was the proposed agreement with the hiring of the part time police officer trainee. This matter was handled earlier.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to have the agenda item of the appointments taken off of the table for discussion. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, APPOINTMENTS Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to read the appointment listing as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Alderman Charles read to the council and the audience the appointments as presented by the mayor. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the appointment list as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

113 N. MILL ST. PROPERTY

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported of the phone conversation he had with one of the title holders of the property located at 113 N. Mill Street and the process he had started to have the

City secure access or ownership of the property in order to clean this up. He would provide a status report as there was more information.

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2012-6-2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2012-6-2 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under general audience, Mayor Bates recognized that there was a large crowd this evening and that he understood it might have to do with a personnel matter. He stated that he would welcome the comments from the individuals in the audience, but that the city council would not respond, but would certainly listen to what was said. He stated however, that anyone that wanted to could speak now or contact him later to meet with him and he would have a meeting with them. There were four individuals that asked to have the mayor contact them after the meeting to speak with him. Mr. Len Anderson addressed the matter of the liability insurance for the vendors at the Car Cruise night activity. Clerk Cuckler stated she received information from Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services, that they had received about 60% of the income surveys needed so far. Mayor Bates noted the letter from The National Bank that they would be closing one of the offices in town.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the WALGREENS STOCK sale of the City's Walgreen stocks when the market value would reach the \$10,000.00 mark. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried. (Account Market Value on June 13, 2012 \$6,880.81)

Mayor Bates reported of the brick street project with the AMERICORPS volunteers. There were 10 volunteer that worked about 8 ½ hours for 3 days with the city crew members. Mr. Glenn Richter and the Mount Carroll Café contributed lunch to the volunteers for two of the days. Letters of thank you need to be forthcoming. A great job.

Discussed the many visitors and participants for the Motor Park event last weekend on the Reid Law property north of town.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 10, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector