

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Rod Bess 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, absent, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the February 25, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$304,276.46 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Charles reported of the February 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The bids were opened for auditing services with the tallies as follows:
Wipfli, LLP of Sterling, IL, total with TIF compliance for FY 2014, \$18,000; total with TIF compliance for FY 2015, \$18,500
Beggins Tipp Lamm, LLC of Freeport, IL, total with TIF compliance for FY 2014, \$20,000, total with TIF compliance for FY 2015, \$18,000
Winkel Parker & Foster of Clinton, IA, total with TIF compliance for FY 2014, \$17,200, total with TIF compliance for FY 2015, \$17,630
Sikich, LLP of Rockford, IL, total with TIF compliance for FY 2014, \$17,500, total with TIF compliance for FY 2015, \$17,950
The consensus of the finance committee members in attendance was to table the bids until the next meeting so all council members can review the proposals as presented.
3. Alderman Charles reported of attending the Carroll County Farm Bureau and Mayors meeting last night.
4. Presentation and review of the general fund budget was completed. The draft finalized for general fund revenues was at \$585,150, and for general fund expenditures at \$707,075.
5. Discussed the general fund revenues and balance for this month so far.

Mayor Bates commented that there was not much activity at the Haas building due to the weather, and City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that a court appearance was rescheduled for April. City Attorney Coplan reported that a notice had been sent out to the mortgagee regarding the Mr. Bob Boyd building on Market Street. Alderman Sisler stated that he had seen the contractor working at the Haas building in the last few days.

Under general audience Mr. James Meador, owner of the Henry's GENERAL AUDIENCE Double K business, was in attendance and addressed the council about how and when was the council going to change any of the regulations regarding the outdoor music at business establishments. He stated he had heard that his one neighbor that has been complaining and complaining this winter with the bands activities inside the building has been saying some things that have gotten back to him and that he was coming to the council again. He stated he would like to ask that the regulations allow the outdoor music events until 12:00 midnight. He presented to the mayor a letter from one of his other neighbors in support of him and his business he has here. Mayor Bates commented that the time request could be considered by the license and ordinance committee. Alderman Sisler commented about the (nuisance) ordinance being somewhat subjective and stated he felt the council should consider establishing a noise level to handle these matters. Alderman Charles stated that they would review these matters some more at the license and ordinance committee meeting and he wondered if Mr. Meador would explore more options for setting up noise barriers on his property to keep more of the noise contained within his property boundaries. Alderman Risko noted that it seemed the council needed to look at two issues. One was being how loud was it outside and the other whether to let it go until midnight.

CORRESPONDENCE

Under correspondence Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Robbie and Jennifer Rice of Pack 48 Cub Scouts-Savanna asking if there were any community projects they could volunteer to do such as planting trees, cleaning the parks or painting. Mayor Bates noted the letter from Carroll County Highway Superintendent Kevin Vandendooren regarding a meeting at the county highway office on March 19th about the new Federal traffic sign regulations and a funding program to help some of the local agencies.

Alderman Sisler asked about the City logo name not being on two of the City's vehicles. Mayor Bates commented he felt it was not done in order to save the city the expense.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City council approved these minutes at the March 25, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector