

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Jusufi 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 Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Keith Raderstorf, Mount Carroll Church of God, gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the February 28, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose,
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was
carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2012 as approved by the finance
committee and pending payment to come in with funds from the State of Illinois, the sales tax receipts.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes.
Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$351,255.53 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today (without the bills payable being posted). Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren
seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes,
Bork, no, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 4 yeases, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 15th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. Discussion regarding the maintenance of the historic district signs, the condition of the building
located at the corner of Main and Market Street, the article about the Hotel Glenview building,
the work to be done for the house walks this year, and what to provide for information at the
Mayfest this year.

Alderman Charles reported of the March 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND LOAN
to authorize the interfund loan of \$5,500.00 from the cemetery endowment fund to the general fund.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no.
Vote: 4 yeases, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Alderman Charles noted that the recommendation from the finance committee to approve the
payment of the bills once the sales tax receipt from the State of Illinois was received was handled
earlier in this meeting.
3. Alderman Risko reported to the finance committee that he contacted the Illinois Environmental
Protection Agency (IL EPA) about any possible re-financing of the City's loan. The answers were
that they would not re-finance nor could they do any forgiveness of the loan. IEPA LOAN
4. Alderman Charles reported that he was close to having a draft of an EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
Employee Handbook and noted the topics included so far.
5. Discussed some budget issues.
6. Noted a poster for the front window of City Hall for the Lions Club fundraiser for new park
equipment. No objections to the placement in City Hall.

Mr. Lou Schau, Mt. Carroll CDC, was in attendance and reported of the challenge grant presented to the CDC to go towards the redevelopment of the second floor of the building; he noted the progress of the downtown placement of memorial benches; and, he noted there would be a Euchre tournament on game night at the Market Street Commons (Kraft Building) on the night of March 20th. CDC UPDATE

Mr. Len Anderson, Friends of the Waukarusa, was in attendance and reminded the Council of the paving of the trails at Point Rock Park this summer and the Cruise Nights would be starting in June. FRIENDS OF THE WAUKARUSA

Mayor Bates noted that Ordinance No. 2012-02-13 was presented for approval. Alderman Sisler asked to add in the solicitor and peddler definitions section something that would state the goods could be sold for immediate delivery as well as future delivery. Consensus by the council members present to add the words "immediate and/or" before "future delivery" at the end of each of these definitions. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2012-02-13, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, with amendment as stated earlier (in the solicitor and peddler definitions). Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2012-02-13 was adopted, as amended, by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02-13

Mayor Bates noted from his meeting with Mr. Dan Payette of Blackhawk Hills R, C & D, regarding the iFiber construction in the area, he had provided the council with information of a Letter of Intent and a services agreement to consider. The cost to the city annually would be \$1,200.00 for the one location maintenance rate. He stated he understood there could be another \$25.00 per month if the City requested some enhanced services. Mayor Bates stated he would ask Mr. John Pokropinski to attend a future meeting to discuss more of the options of having this connection at the City Hall location. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the mayor's signature to the Letter of Intent and the Services Agreement with the iFiber Network organization. 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.

Mayor Bates noted the next item on the agenda: Discussion and possible action regarding proposals for the Low to Moderate Income Community Surveys needed in order to submit CDAP grant funding applications. Mayor Bates noted the proposals, one from MSA Professional Services that ranged in cost from \$2,500 to \$5,500 depending on the amount of services required by the business with their staff versus the City's staff and volunteers, and the other one from Community Funding and Planning Services that ranged in cost from \$1,500 to \$4,000. After discussion Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Bork seconded to table this matter. 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. INCOME SURVEY

Mayor Bates reported that the tree board had provided a map for tree planting this spring. The Trees Forever grant of \$3,000 was provided to the City to complete a tree planting project this spring. The map noted locations for 29 new trees. To have a proposal for all of the costs at a future meeting. TREES

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION request to conduct a street solicitation at the highway and downtown intersections on May 5, 2012 to the Mount Carroll Lions Club. 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 Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license application submitted by the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, Ms. Nadine King, owner of the downtown building DOWNTOWN located at 108 W. Market Street, addressed the council and stated that ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM she had applied for a loan from the downtown enhancement program and had been approved, but has not received anything yet. She stated she was told by the CDC (Lou Schau) that the loan was pending funding. Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC was in attendance and stated that the CDC had loan money to go back into the fund, and that funding was to come from what the City had budgeted to pay to the CDC this fiscal year. Mayor Bates stated to the council that the CDC had not been paid their allotment from the budget, the money came from the general fund, and he did not feel the city should borrow from another fund to pay this line item.

Mayor Bates noted under correspondence the renewal for the City's employee health insurance was going to be about 5% less than last year's premiums. HEALTH INSURANCE

Mayor Bates reported he had talked with a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the bid letting of a pavement patching and resurfacing of a portion of Benton Street into the City's corporate limits. He stated that there was a 470' gap from where they would be paving to where the City left off last year with the improvement at the East Street intersection. He stated they would consider adding this section into the improvement. There would be more information at a future meeting.

Mayor Bates reported he attended the county hotel-motel tax board HOTEL-MOTEL TAX meeting today. He stated he felt they promoted Mount Carroll pretty well with what funding comes from the town to their account.

Mayor Bates noted the receipt of a raffle application for the Rotary Club. That would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 27, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

