

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Barbara Stone 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 Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Jim Rose gave the invocation.

Mayor Bates stated he was going to change the agenda and address two AGENDA CHANGE items first before anything else this evening because there were individuals in the audience that were driving a distance and this would allow them to leave earlier than planned. The first item would be the finance committee and the second would be the Shimer College resolution. No objections were presented by the council members in attendance.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee PURCHASE GRINDER recommendation to purchase a new grinder unit for the sewer FOR SEWER PLANT plant at the cost of \$22,000.00. 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.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee AUDIT SERVICES recommendation to hire and approve the quote from WIPFLi, LLP of Sterling, IL to conduct the auditing services for the City at the cost not to exceed \$18,000 for the 2014 fiscal year and at \$18,500 for the 2015 fiscal year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 4 yeses and 2 noes. The motion was carried by majority vote.
4. Alderman Risko reported that the water and sewer committee reviewed and finalized the budget for next year. He stated after checking the totals the expenses for the water department were different than first reported and were at \$233,700 for the year instead of the \$261,800.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the presentation SHIMER COLLEGE from the representatives from Shimer College, now located on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Barbara Stone, Dean of Shimer College, The Great Books College of Chicago, was in attendance and presented the "Carroll County Pride of Place Scholarship" information and proclamation. Mayor Bates presented the City's resolution. Dean Stone stated that the \$2,000 scholarship could be considered for a Carroll County resident that was currently enrolled in a community college or university to participate in Shimer College's curriculum. The council members in attendance thanked Dean Stone and the Shimer College staff for coming to this evening's meeting.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the March 11, 2014 regular meeting as presented. 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko 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 Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$330,850.40 as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMITTEES

Alderman Bergren reported of the March 12th and 19th historic preservation meetings:

HPAC

1. The March 12th meeting was called to review the schematic designs for the addition and remodeling of the Mount Carroll Township Public Library to facilitate ADA compliance. Discussion and review of the designs, including entrance, bathrooms, atrium, front landing, main façade, office and meeting spaces, coffee bar and basement were completed and a letter drafted to be included in the application grant to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
2. At the March 19th meeting the committee discussed the current status of the Haas building repair, the annual review of the by-laws, and the status of the sign ordinance for the downtown area.

The minutes from the committee meetings held on March 24th will be attached with these minutes and the following decisions or actions are as follows:

Alderman Grim moved and Aldermen Risko seconded to approve to hire POOL SUMMER HELP the following for the City swimming pool summer help: Assistant managers, Ryan Kerr and Drew Kaczmariski, Sub Assistant Manager, Amorette Merboth, Lifeguards, Sophi Morhardt, Thomas Watson, Devon Handel, Paige Miller, Cassidy Rice, Jessica Armstrong, Joe Gennaro, and Shawn Magill. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes, Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates commented that there was more activity at the Haas building due to the weather change.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve

STREET SOLICITATION

the street solicitation request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for May 10, 2014. 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to grant the

RAFFLE LICENSE

raffle license request from the Carroll County Senior Services Center. 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.

Under general audience Alderman Risko asked about the status of the

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Boyd building on Market Street. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated he would be able to file the complaint at the county courthouse. Mayor Bates reported of the information from the Illinois Municipal League regarding proposed legislation to amend the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund benefits to retirees. Alderman Risko commented that the City received another Freedom of Information Act request that took the staff eighteen hours to compile and send out.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the

ADJOURNMENT

meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Streets, Water, Sewer,
Police, License & Ordinance

PLACE OF MEETING: City Hall

DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 2013

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT Mayor Bates, Aldermen Charles, Bergren, Rose, Risko, Grim and Sisler, Water and Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel, Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin, Jessica Moore, Julie Bickelhaupt, and Paula Watson

ITEMS OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED, RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS:

STREETS

1. Maintaining equipment plowing and salting when required, have advertised for clean up of the flowers at the cemetery by April 1st before the City crew will pick up the debris, will look to put out more trash cans at cemetery this year, John Apple contracted for the gravestone repairs this year and will coordinate his scope of work a week ahead of time, will be concentrating on repair of pot holes as soon as the asphalt plant was open, spring work will be to do some work on the buildings at the shop and will spray wash the cemetery shop building.

RECREATION

1. Fundraisers – Close to \$3,000 last year this will be used with an anonymous donation to purchase a new cover for the pool this year. Will look to conduct a fundraising activity or activities again this year. Jessica to contact the Mayfest committee about something there.
2. Maintenance issues – soda ash machine needs repairs, new toilets need to be put in, old cover disposal, and remodel the bathrooms.
3. Summer employees – Jessica to have the list of the assistant managers and guards for tomorrow's meeting at council.
4. New vacuum here.
5. Discussion of maintenance projects to be done before opening the first week of June as a goal

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussion of Henry's Double K, LLC music events.
Alderman Charles presented a graph of decibel fields and degrees of change. James Meador was in attendance. Has gotten advice of a type of barrier he could install. Would have this put along the south side of outdoor patio.
Asking for 1 night a weekend, wants to be able to go until midnight, also looking to have a separate event outside – somewhat like the block fest held downtown last year.
Discussion of whether to set the limits of the sound levels.
Alderman Charles will meet with Mr. Meador to look over what he was proposing.
2. Discussed an ordinance regulating adult amusement or book establishments.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Discussion of the utility locations to a certain property on East Benton Street.
2. Review of Budget
Sewer Fund Revenues: \$290,300 and Expenses \$391,250
Water Fund Revenues: \$188,925 and Expenses \$261,800
3. Discussion of having the fire department help with the cleaning of the streets this year.
4. Discussion of freezing water lines this year.
5. Need to order the new grinder at sewer plant – cost of \$22,000.

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POLICE

1. Chief reported of training the full time police officers have completed recently.
2. Discussion of vehicle maintenance and computer software needs.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Clerk Cuckler

The Mount Carroll City Council approve the minutes from the March 25, 2014 regular meeting at the April 8, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector