

MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Nola Charles 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. Karl Rafferty gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the April 23, 2013 regular meeting as presented. 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 moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2013 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 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$419,530.37 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 2nd recreation board meeting:

COMMITTEES
RECREATION BOARD

1. Determine the facility readiness to open for the season and discuss recommendation to the city council. Pool manager Jessica Moore presented a list of repairs. Fix the front of the office where the awning is, put on a fresh coat of paint in some areas, chair lift needs to be installed, vacuum needs to be repaired (it is not working at all), remove old pipe outside the building, and purchase new toilets and showerheads. Superintendent Handel will let Jessica know what they would be able to complete and provide cost estimates for some of the other work.
2. The board recommended new rate increases for admission and concessions. The 2012 rates for admission were: inside city limits K-12-\$2.50; outside city limits K-12-\$3.50; Adults-\$4.00; Adults-\$3.00 (one-hour adult swim at \$1.00). The new 2013 rates in the same categories at: \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00. and \$4.00 (one-hour adult swim at \$1.00). The concession prices: Everything increased to \$1.00 except the freezie pop at \$.10, the juice boxes at \$.50, and the fruit snacks at \$.50.

POOL RATES

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the new pool admission and concession fee increases as recommended by the recreation board. 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 reported of the May 14th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation MAYFEST AD
to approve the Mayfest ad in the Mirror Democrat newspaper and Mayfest flyer at the cost of \$100.00. 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 Charles presented the finance committee recommendation CAMERA GRANT

to approve the second camera grant request to the State of Illinois, Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. The purchase would be made by the City and reimbursed back by the State. 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.

4. Alderman Charles provided a spreadsheet listing of last year's interfund transfers and loans and paybacks.
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation CEMETERY FUNDS TRANSFER to approve the interfund transfer of the balance of the cemetery endowment fund in the amount of \$56,190.47 plus interest into the cemetery operation and maintenance account in the special revenue bank account. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 no. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFERS to authorize to close out the old payroll/check clearing account at The National Bank and interfund transfer \$1,049.70 to the City general fund, CLOSE OUT OLD PAYROLL/CHECK CLEARING ACCT. \$1,049.70 into the City Water fund and \$1,049.71 into the City Sewer fund. 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.
7. Alderman Charles provided a copy of the purchase order for the materials ordered from Abbott Plastics, Inc. for the sewer plant repairs project.
8. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation FORENSIC AUDIT PROPOSAL to take no further action on the forensic audit proposal submitted by Sikich, LLP of Rockford, IL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 no. The motion is carried.
9. Discussion regarding the Freedom of Information Act requests lately. Alderman Risko proposed hiring a part time person to handle these. He stated he would investigate with the clerk the amount of time and work involved with the responses done the last year and report back.
10. Discussed the quotes provided for the cemetery monument stones repair.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and noted that the deed 113 N MILL STREET for the 113 N. Mill Street property was recorded and presented to the clerk for the City's files. He stated he had been contacted by two individuals having interest in the property. The City could let him discuss with these individuals what they would offer or propose for the property or pursue the demolition of the buildings. The consensus of the council members present was to ask the city attorney to contact the interested parties and report back.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that there was a letter from the MARKET AND CARROLL ST. PROPERTY architect for the Haas property discussing the issue with the west wall. He stated he would be submitting a letter to Ms. Haas regarding this and what was needed for the court appearance scheduled for June 4th. Mayor Bates noted that Ms. Haas submitted a Tax Increment Finance application and this was going to the City's TIF attorney Kathy Orr. Council members discussed the emergency concerns of having residents living in the building.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to confirm the LEASE RENEWAL Right-of-way lease renewal for another twenty years with John "Beaver" Miller for the Dairy Queen property located at 401 S. Clay Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to grant a **RAFFLE LICENSE** raffle license to the Mount Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Carroll Rotary Club. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass the **RESOLUTION** Resolution of the Adoption of the Carroll County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the **NICOR GAS PERMIT** Nicor Gas permit request to extend the natural gas line in the 300 block of West Benton Street. 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 reported of the information from Mr. Payette of the iFiber, **IFIBER INFORMATION** Illinois Fiber Resource Group, regarding the service provider partners that were offering services from the network. Mr. Lou Schau of the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation, CDC, was in attendance and addressed the council about some options for the City to consider when looking to hook into the iFiber network. He and Mr. John Pokropinski from the Chamber have offered to investigate the many services that could be afforded to the residents with this new network and asked to come to future meetings to provide more information.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to approve the **MAY COMMITTEES** May committees meeting night from May 27th to May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to confirm the **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS** Annual appointments as presented by the mayor. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

The council members presented noted the receipt of two proposals for stone repair at the cemetery. One from Ivey Monuments and the other from Pruitt Cemetery Foundations, Inc. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Wiersema stated that cemetery board member Sheri Traum had called and stated there was another quote from Moore Monument. The council members decided to hold off until the next meeting to see if that other quote was available to review.

Mayor Bates stated the council should go back to an old business item **OLD BUSINESS** regarding the Mr. Johnson vacant lot clean up. It was noted that Mr. Johnson was issued a citation and he was setting up and contacting vendors to help him remove the items. Mr. Tom Cravatta, a business owner located on the East Commercial Street area near this vacant lot was in attendance and he expressed his displeasure that this had not progressed any faster than it has. He stated he hoped that the vegetation and overgrowth could also be taken out of this area. The council members in attendance indicated that they would be staying on top of this matter.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson reported of the car club visiting Mount Carroll this next Saturday afternoon. Alderman Bergren noted the two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) response letters completed by the clerk since the last meeting. Discussion followed regarding the reporting of the FOIA requests in open session at council. Alderman Risko reported there were 16 students that attended the grave stone repair class on May 4th. Alderman Risko reported of the grand opening of the Campbell Center Arboretum to be held on June 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Bates reported of correspondence. One regarding the recycling CORRESPONDENCE pick up done by Moring Disposal, Inc. They reported the total weight of recycling materials picked up for the month of April 2013 was 29,400 pounds.

The council members present discussed nuisance issues regarding lawns needing to be mowed and adding the Bushy Flats clean up issue back on the table. To consider at the next meeting.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 28, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector