

MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Roger Strukhoff 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.
Alderman Rose gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the May 8, 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 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2012. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose,
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The
motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$336,239.99 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the financial report as
presented. Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 4
yeeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 16th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. The committee discussed the status of a couple of buildings in the downtown.
2. Approved a letter of support for the replacement of the windows at the 107 N. Main Street property.
3. Discussed the collapse of one of the downtown buildings in Lanark, IL.
4. Noted the lodging options in town for the Mayfest/Memorial Day Weekend event.
5. Noted that all committee members need to take the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act training. Member Eina Schroeder would provide an e-mail to all with the link to the attorney general's website for the training.
6. Noted the Prairie Advocate article "Americorps Volunteers to Assist with Mount Carroll Brick Streets" by Mike Nester, May 16, 2012 issue.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 21st license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE
committee meeting:

1. Reviewed more sections of the employee handbook regarding work hours, weekend overtime, police department overtime, holidays, uniform allowance for the public works departments, and the recording of hours on the time clock cards and hand written cards for payroll processing.
2. Discussed some of the nuisance tall weeds and grass properties that would need mowing.

Alderman Bergren reported of the cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. The water to the shop had been turned on.
2. Discussed the mowing and weeding work. Decision to hold off on having the walnut trees injected this year.
3. Mayor Bates stated he would contact the two monument companies about doing the stone repairs this summer. Mayor Bates and Alderman Risko reported of the stone repairs done by the grave stone conservator, John Apple, conducting an onsite work class at the cemetery through the

Campbell Center. Alderman Risko stated they had worked on nine stones this year and all total over the last few years more than 75 stones have been improved.

Alderman Risko reported of the streets committee meeting held on May 21st. STREETS

1. Discussed the work for this summer. Weeding, mowing and painting then would move to the park to work on some of those projects. Have poured the concrete near the concession stand at the park for the Lions Club before they complete their project. The batting cages were ongoing and would be done soon. To schedule the brick street work for next month and the blacktop work of the trails at Point Rock Park.
2. Discussed the continuing water drainage problem for one resident on East Benton Street.
3. Noted repairs were needed on the Grasshopper lawn mower. Parts would cost \$450 and the crew would do the repairs.
4. Noted two donations to the city. One from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kessler in the amount of \$256 for street work done in front of their property on Broad Street. One from the Mt. Carroll Lions Club in the amount of \$250 to help pay for the planting of the new trees.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 21st water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Discussed the water service to a resident in the "Bushy Flats" building located in the 200 block of East Market Street.
2. Discussed the water line break to the bus garage building located in the 200 block of North Mill Street.

Alderman Rose reported of the May 21st police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass reported of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board video camera grant. The City was approved and the total value could be about \$4,782 plus installation.
2. The chief reported the Crown Victoria squad car needed maintenance.
3. Police Officer Dennis Asay was in attendance and asked to address the police committee about a specific matter. He was advised of the appeal process.

Alderman Charles reported of the May 22nd finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles gave a summary of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Revenues \$2,052,699 and Expenses \$2,502,146. The committee recommended approval of this final draft.
3. The donations noted under the public works committee meeting minutes were again recognized.
4. Discussed the "Park Steward" concept presented by Mrs. Jan Smith. Consensus to move forward on this matter, maybe someone from the Friends of the Waukarusa group could provide some guidance.
5. The overtime weekend hours and work for the water and sewer department were discussed.

Discussed the community survey addition to gain information about internet service needs in town. Consensus that a single sheet could be added into the envelope used for the CDAP Low to Moderate Income survey to be sent out to the residents yet this month. To get that information to the clerk to seek approval of the questions before mailing.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2012-5-1, APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no. 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. Ordinance No. 2012-5-1 was adopted by majority vote of the council.

ORDINANCE NO.
2012-5-1

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC was in attendance and reported of the article about Mount Carroll in the May/June 2012 *etc...* magazine, a publication of the Journal Standard. He noted some of the new activities scheduled for the summer in the downtown.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION City Roadblock/Street Solicitation license request from the Humane Society of Carroll County. 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. The fundraising activity will be held on June 9th during the morning hours at the highway intersection.

Mayor Bates reported that he received three proposals to conduct an INSPECTION PROPOSAL Engineering inspection of the property located at the intersection of Carroll and Market Street in the downtown. The property owner had consented to allow this inspection of the property as the outside wall of the building is visibly bowed. The proposals were from ESI at \$4,100, MSA Professional Services at \$800 and Zack Dunn with Renaissance Restoration at \$475. Noted that MSA had done an outside inspection a few years ago. After discussion, Alderman Charles moved to hire MSA Professional Services to conduct the inspection at cost not to exceed \$800, seconded by Alderman Risko. 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. Mr. Steve Haring of MSA was in attendance and state he would be in contact with their structural engineer, Todd Birkel.

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson addressed the council and reported he had collected \$790 to go towards the City's K-9 Fund. Very good response from the area and community. Alderman Sisler asked the clerk which newspapers had the ad for seeking bids for professional auditing firms. Clerk Cuckler stated the Mirror Democrat, Prairie Advocate, the Freeport Journal Standard, the Clinton Herald and the Sterling, IL Sauk Valley Media.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 12, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector