

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jeff Woodside 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, absent, and Doris Bork, present.
Aldermen Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens, Mount Carroll Church of God, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the November 8, 2011 regular meeting with the amendment on page two to the motion approving the
purchase of one sign for the Market Street Commons building, not two signs. 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. Mayor Bates reported when he talked with Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC about
this matter he stated that they would get the sign and not charge the city. In the future they would be
putting up a sign on the outside of the building.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of November 2011 as approved by the finance
committee. 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.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$522,721.83 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bork seconded to INTERFUND TRANSFER
authorize the interfund transfer of \$3,000 from the Depreciation Fund to the Sewer Fund. 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. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the
financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes,
Sisler, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported of the November 21st license & ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles presented the license & ordinance committee WATER REGULATIONS
recommendation to have added to the city code the following: 7-4-6: Plumbing Work
“No person may remove a city water meter for any reason without written permission from the
Water Superintendent. Alterations to plumbing to bypass or remove a water meter are prohibited.”
Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.
2. Discussed a draft ordinance regarding allowing golf carts, utility terrain vehicles and all terrain
vehicles on city streets and a proposed update to the city’s door to door solicitors regulations. To
seek more input from the police department and the city attorney and table to future meetings.
3. Discussion of assessment of fines to those that have started construction or building additions
without building permits. To ask the City Attorney for more information.
4. Discussed the increase of the garbage rates to the City and whether an increase should be considered
to be passed onto the residents as well. No action at this time.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 21st streets committee meeting. STREETS
Superintendent Dauphin reported that the plows and trucks were ready for the winter weather,

the city crew was continuing the leaf clean up and street sweeping this week then would be putting up the Christmas decorations on the lamp posts, they would then start on the trails at the park, and Mr. Mortz from Shannon, IL completed the tree stump removal on Washington Street at a cost of \$305.00. Noted that Superintendent Dauphin would check on another tree needing to be trimmed on South Mill Street.

Alderman Bergren reported of the November 21st water and sewer committee meeting. WATER & SEWER
Noted the crew would be working on the sand filter at the sewer plant. Mayor Bates reported that there were about five more fire hydrants that either needed to be flushed or repaired.

Alderman Rose reported of the November 21st cemetery board meeting. CEMETERY
Superintendent Dauphin reported they had completed some repairs to the Simplicity mower but it was still losing a lot of oil. They would be contacting a dealer to see what other problems there were.

Alderman Rose reported of the November 21st police committee meeting. POLICE
Police Chief Cass reported of and asked for consideration to pursue the purchase of taser equipment and conduct the necessary training for the department. The committee members present asked the chief to assemble the costs for the equipment and the training costs per officer and to report back to the council.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed some of the past due water bills and the current accounts receivable.
3. Alderman Charles stated he would be putting together a spreadsheet with the future TIF expenses.
4. Discussion of salaries for the city employees. Alderman Charles stated he would like to compile data from the past five years regarding salary increases, cost of living increases, and insurance costs. Clerk Cuckler stated she would provide what was on record and Alderman Risko stated he would get the cost of living information.
5. Alderman Risko stated he would like to assess the garbage rates and fees. The committee's decision was to table any action to change the garbage fees review into next month.
6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to COMMITTEES
approve to change the council committees meeting night to MEETING DATE
December 19th at 6:00 p.m. instead of December 26th. 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.
7. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to HOLIDAY BONUS
authorize the holiday bonuses for the city employees and council as in the past. (Net \$100 to the full time employees and net \$50 to the regular part time employees and the council members)
Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that if there were any council members that did not want the bonus they needed to notify the clerk beforehand. Alderman Bork asked about having the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund increases in consideration of the salary increases.

Alderman Bergren reported that the Mount Carroll Foundation under development still needed a few board members.

Mayor Bates reported that the Renosys Company had installed the new drain covers at the city swimming pool. Superintendent Handel had contacted the State Department of Health and they had completed an inspection. The department had issued a permit for the pool now, so it would seem we could take this matter off of the agenda.

Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Mediacom the City's cable television provider. A notice of rate increases.

Alderman Bergren reported of the speaker that was at the Byron, IL Northern Illinois Mayor's Association meeting from the Internet Initiative Alliance. There would be more information coming to the City regarding the broadband cable being installed in northern Illinois.

Discussion of the properties in the Whiteside County and Carroll County Enterprise Zone and some of the issues with the Tax Increment Finance district.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 13, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector