

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Kacie Brown 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 Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the November 12, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, 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 November 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 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$455,822.04 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October and November historic preservation advisory committee meetings:

COMMITTEES
HPAC

1. The committee discussed the progress of the replacement of the west wall of the Haas building, discussed the repair work to be done to several of the signs along the walking tour, Cindy reported of progress of the historic district survey and the committee noted the request from Caroline Phillips, 108 N. Main Street to construct a pergola in the front of the house.

Alderman Rose reported of the November 25th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The October monthly report was submitted by the chief and reviewed.
2. Discussed whether to review the snowmobile ordinance and start work again to establish the one trail along Mill Street.
3. Chief Cass reported that he had received a complaint about a wood burning stove. Noted the resident should be contacted about raising the smoke stack to the height of the roof so it does not bother the neighbors.
4. Discussed traffic and parking issues.
5. Discussed the need for a new squad car to replace the Crown Victoria vehicle. To budget up to \$30,000.
6. Discussed the video and computer equipment. The new software for the computer would cost about \$3,500.00.

Alderman Bergren noted from the water and sewer committee meeting it was reported that the fire hydrants had been flushed.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 25th streets committee meeting:

1. Under the completed or ongoing projects the following was noted:
The crew was done with street sweeping for the season along with the sidewalk work. They had dug four graves this last month. The committee was looking at a long range plan to repair more of the old gravestones at the cemetery. Are trimming trees and have a question about a dead tree

at the cemetery. To have that one removed by spring. The crew oversaw the planting of nine new trees along the parkways in town. It was reported that the park was winterized and that a local businessman, Fred Paschke, totally repaired the wood train structure at Point Rock Park. The crew completed the bio disc project with the water and sewer department. The Superintendent reported the summer hires were done for the year. They did a very good job.

2. Under current projects the following was noted: The crew has gotten the equipment ready for the winter season. They were out salting the roads during the snowfall on Monday (November 25th). The crew have scheduled to demolish the two old sheds at the park this fall. Discussed the repair work to be done on the one ton truck. Alderman Risko reported that the county engineer was working on the final plans for the Galena Street Bridge project.

Alderman Charles reported that during the November 25th license and LICENSE & ORDINANCE ordinance committee meeting that they noted that the outdoor music events ordinance had been referred to the city attorney and Alderman Bergren stated he would provide a proposed sign ordinance to the chair of the committee to be presented for consideration.

Alderman Risko reported of the November 25th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussed the work on 6 large hazardous stones done by Pruitt Foundation and Monuments. The stone repair maintenance done this year by Pruitt and Ivey Monuments and the Campbell Center workshop made very good improvements. The committee wants to allocate up to \$4,000 each year to the stone repair and maintenance.
2. Discussed roadway improvements. Superintendent Dauphin to work up cost estimates to blacktop the roads at the cemetery.
3. Discussed doing research for what an endowment fund could provide for cemetery perpetual care.

Alderman Charles reported of the November 26th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the repairs to the one ton truck. Now at the Kunes' dealership.
3. Discussed the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant Program. To ask the clerk to check into whether this could be used to help purchase another body armor vest for one of the police officers.
4. Alderman Charles noted that when looking at the budget the addition of the 1.45% salary increase for the employees would need to be included. Discussed the budget options when looking to purchase a new police squad car.
5. Reviewed the use of the Health and Welfare Fund.
6. For the next meeting the finance committee would be reviewing the TIF fund and disbursements for the fund.

It was noted under old business to have the clean up at the Bushy Flats property taken off of the agenda at this time.

Mayor Bates stated the next item on the agenda was the discussion and VARIANCE APPLICATION possible action to approve the planning commission recommendation to approve the variance request submitted by Ms. Caroline Phillips, 108 N. Main Street, to construct a pergola structure five feet (5') from the sidewalk front yard boundary. Alderman Sisler moved and Aldermen Grim seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation to approve the variance application request to construct the pergola structure as drawn. In discussion Alderman Bergren read a letter from Cindy Pingitore, President of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC). He stated that HPAC does not recommend or approve of this structure's location on the property and asked the council to vote no on this matter. The committee also provided a photo rendition of what the pergola could look like in the front of this house. Aldermen Sisler and Alderman Risko commented that they thought this would

look pretty good here. Alderman Grim asked Ms. Phillips if she had seen the photo. She stated she just saw this tonight and that she felt it looked like what they wanted. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, no. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2013-11-10, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF 2013-11-10 CERTAIN REAL ESTATE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-11-10 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Noted this was to complete the process for the sale of the surplus property located at 113 N. Mill Street.

Under general audience Mr. John Boelkens commented that the City's GENERAL AUDIENCE Comprehensive Plan might be a document to share with the Mount Carroll CDC to provide some information during their review of future goals. Ms. Teri Ebersberger, Planning Commission member, commented about the planning commission recommendation to approve the variance application.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 10, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector