

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Mick Parsons rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Chairman of the Board Alderman Doug Bergren called the meeting to order CALL TO ORDER
at 7:30 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Tom Charles, present, ROLL CALL
Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork,
present.
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the September 27, 2011 regular meeting as presented. 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Rose seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 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.

Chairman of the Board Alderman Bergren reported of the bank account FINANCIAL REPORTS
balances as of today: \$484,873.84. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve
the financial report as presented. 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 Charles reported of the October 11th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation ONLINE BACKUP
to authorize the clerk to contact our computer technician/consultant, Eina Schroeder with Future
Quest Technologies to help with set up of an online backup system for the computer in the city
hall office, if possible and compatible, to use the Quick Books version at \$50.00 per year, with a
one month trial period. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles,
yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation OVERDUE BILL
to approve the "Overdue Account" Collection Letter suggested by COLLECTION LETTER
Alderman Charles, with an amendment to the salutation portion. 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.
4. Alderman Charles noted that he and/or Clerk Cuckler would check with Eina Schroeder about
costs for a battery backup for the new radio to be installed in the city hall office.
5. The committee discussed the proposed contract from Sterling STERLING CODIFIERS
Codifiers regarding codification services to update and review the City Code. Noted some
questions regarding the annual costs and the city's access and ownership.
6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation GASB 45 REPORT
to approve the GASB 45 report for the audit to be completed by Robert Hopson at a cost not to
exceed \$600.00. 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. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge. Alderman Bork asked the council members to go look at the bridge wood deck, she felt the steel plates should be replaced to help the wear on the wood deck. Discussed getting the prices of the steel plates updated and to discuss again at the next meeting.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that Ann Dougherty of Learn Great Foods had a bus from Peoria, IL with many participants with her programs. They also visited other businesses in the downtown. Mr. Schau introduced Ms. Heather Houzenga, President of the Main Street Art Guild, and she presented a check in the amount of \$1,117.32 as a contribution towards the Community House Bathroom renovation project. The money was raised during the 24-hour Artworks Art-a-thon on September 24th to September 25th. It was noted the check would be deposited into the City Building Fund, and Alderman Charles stated he felt the City should have a ribbon cutting ceremony with all the contributors once the project was completed. CONTRIBUTION TO BATHROOM PROJECT

Chairman of the Board Alderman Bergren noted the city crew's work on the brick street in the block in front of the City Hall. BRICK STREETS

The council members present considered the Notice of Swimming Facility Closure, and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing from the Illinois Department of Public Health. As has been mentioned in past meetings with Superintendent Russell Handel, he has been in contact with the company that installed the liner in the pool and they need to have a crew come to place the new drains correctly in order to maintain the warranty on the liner. The new drains and equipment needed have been delivered. Alderman Charles stated he felt in review of the materials in this letter from the State that the city attorney should make the required response regarding this notice. No objections were noted by the council members present. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and stated he would look into this matter as soon as possible. CITY POOL

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience comments, Mr. Jeff Woodside directed a couple questions regarding a lift needed at the city public swimming pool and the Galena Street Bridge project. Ms. Teri Ebensberger commented that she appreciated the city police department and that they had stopped a faster moving vehicle on Market Street recently. Alderman Bork directed some questions about the digging Bob law was doing along the pond area of his property located on South Mill Street. Alderman Rose commented that he heard from Ms. Betty Smith, located at the corner of Rapp and Mill Street, and she expressed her appreciation for the city's completion of the work to change her water line connection. She was wondering about the street drainage project. Alderman Sisler commented that he understood twice the City (Council) had made the recommendation to replace the steel places at the Galena Street Bridge and twice this had been ignored.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Bergren reported of the information in the council packets regarding and EPA Community Smart Growth Assistance program grants and the Advantage Illinois program being administered by the State DCEO.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and addressed the council that he would not be in attendance at the next regular meeting on October 25th, and that if there were any amendments to the handicapped parking provisions to please provide him with the specifics.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles 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. Chairman of the Board Alderman Bergren adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 25, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector