

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. John Boelkens 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, absent, and Joe Grim, present.
Alderman Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Vince Wilczynski of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the October 8, 2013 regular meeting with the following amendment: In the finance committee report under item number 3, Alderman Sisler voted “no” to this recommendation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2013 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$440,792.40 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Bergren, Charles and Rose reported of the October 21st committee meetings. A copy of these minutes is added to the record. The following action was presented from the license and ordinance committee:

Alderman Charles presented the license and ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE recommendation to approve the employee salary increase of 1.45% for the SALARY INCREASES full time employees, the part time police officers, and to approve the updated employee wage scale and approve the pool manager wage to \$3,754.00 for the summer season, with these increases to take effect as of November 1, 2013. Roll call vote: Alderman Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the final total for the annual tax levy from the worksheet at \$220,000 and to direct the clerk to have a draft ordinance for the November 12, 2013 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to grant a raffle RAFFLE LICENSE to the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, abstain, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2013-10-7, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE. Roll call 2013-10-7

vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2013-10-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. regarding the September recyclables. Total of 21,620 pounds were picked up. He reported of the thank you note from the West Carroll High School yearbook staff for the City participating with an ad again this year. Mayor Bates also noted the report from Mr. Todd Birkel, Structural Engineer, regarding his first visit to the Haas building for the masonry wall restoration. The council discussed the progress of this project.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim 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 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the November 12, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

The following is the minutes from the October 21, 2013 committees meeting added and included into these minutes.

NAME OF COMMITTEE License & Ordinance, Police and Water and Sewer

PLACE OF MEETING City Hall

DATE OF MEETING October 21, 2013

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT Mayor Bates, Aldermen Charles, Rose, Sisler, and Grim

ITEMS OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED, RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles presented a proposal for employee salary increases to take effect on November 1, 2013. * Recommendation to the council to approve the employee salary increase of 1.45% for the full time employees, the part time police officers, to approve the updated employee wage scale and approve the pool manager wage to \$3,754.00 for the next summer season.
2. The committee members went outside the council chambers for a decibel noise level demonstration. Mr. Ryan Handel provided the sound system and Chief Cass and Mr. Jim Fiser used decibel meters. After the demonstration the committee members discussed whether to set a limit to be considered with the outdoor music events. Alderman Grim stated since this seemed to be tied to only one location in town he felt that before a decision would be made regarding the noise levels that the demonstration should be held at the site of the problem on Jackson Street. Mayor Bates stated that he had met with the city attorney about this matter and he had suggested making changes to the city liquor code versus the noise nuisance ordinance. To discuss with the city attorney the specifics that could be used towards a draft ordinance.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Mayor Bates and Clerk Cuckler reported that the bio disc project at the sewer plant was completed this week and there were going to be some photos in the newspaper. Mayor Bates also reported that about 80 of the fire hydrants had been flushed and checked.

POLICE

1. Chief Cass handed out the monthly report for September.
2. Chief Cass reported of writing a letter of commendation for Officer Mitch Ottenhausen. He handled a recent investigation very well.
3. Discussed the need for a new squad car.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Clerk Cuckler