

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 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 ROLL CALL
Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the October 11, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes,
Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion
was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the 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, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and
Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account total as of today was FINANCIAL REPORT
\$496,497.93. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the financial report as
presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and
Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES
committee meeting held on October 19th: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

1. Discussed the Joe Haas building and status regarding the bowed side.
2. Set up a work meeting for October 22nd to repair some of the historic district signs
3. Discussed historic district ordinances and digital sign ordinances. Under review and forwarded to the city attorney.
4. Discussed the brick street work to be done this season on Main Street and the Galena Street bridge steel plating.
5. Reviewing the options for the downtown historic property signs in the windows.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 24th license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE
committee meeting:

1. Alderman Bergren presented the license & ordinance committee CHILDREN PLAYING
recommendation to approve the placement of up to four (4) "Children SIGNS
Playing" signs, and the purchase if required, to be placed along South East Street from Benton Street
to Illinois Route 64. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes,
Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
Consensus of the committee to ask the police department to conduct a speed study of this street
area as well, to consider lowering the speed limit.
2. To consider updating the door to door solicitation ordinance at the next meeting.
3. Alderman Charles reported he was working on an employee handbook and should have a draft in a
couple of months.
4. Discussed the use of 4-wheel drive recreational vehicles for snowplowing.
5. To review the nuisance code at the end of the committee meetings for the evening.

Aldermen Bergren and Rose reported of the cemetery, streets, water sewer and police committees meeting held on October 24th: COMMITTEES
CEMETERY

Discussed that summer help would be done this week, Mr. Lego of Ivey Monument presented photographs of the work he completed on the monuments, and the committee discussed whether to consider setting height requirements on the future monuments and stones. To check with other cemeteries.

Superintendent Handel reported that the new narrow band radios had been installed and came in under budget. He reported that the workers from Renosys were here to install the drains at the City swimming pool. As soon as they were done he would be contacting the State to inspect the work. Also reported that the crew was finishing the flushing and repairs to the fire hydrants. Mayor Bates reported to the committee of the letter from Brian Converse, P.E., of Willett and Hofmann regarding the steel bridge runners. He noted it said "It is not structurally necessary to place the steel runners on the bridge deck.", and noted his reasoning. The quote from Inertia Machine Corp. to fabricate the runners would be \$5,330.00. No action was taken.

Discussed the brick street work completed to date and to consider some TIF funding in the future for some of the downtown work again.

Alderman Rose reported Mrs. Betty Smith at the intersection of Rapp and Mill Street was very happy to see the culvert work being done along Rapp Street by her property.

Superintendent Handel reported the city crew was working with the State Highway Dept. to repair one of the drainage culverts along Illinois Route 78.

It was reported Law's Excavating had repaired the soft spot on East Benton Street.

To schedule tree stump removal.

Discussed that rodents had been seen by the residents on East Benton Street. Alderman Sisler asked about the zoning permit requirements for the property of the former Beeline station. To have a copy of the rezoning and special use permit ordinance available for the council to review.

Discussed the repair or paving of South Mill Street.

Chief Cass reported that September was a very busy month for their department.

Discussed the graphic detailing of the new police squad car. The chief is to get a price quote.

Discussed some of the items on the Chief's monthly activity report.

After review of the police department job descriptions it was the consensus of the committee to delete the one word "add" from sentence 4 on page 3 and to have the final draft of the job descriptions on the agenda for the November 8th meeting.

Reviewed the Nuisance Code of the City Code.

Alderman Charles reported of the October 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported he talked with Street Superintendent Dauphin about the repairs to South Mill Street and they would check on what they could do this year. He stated he had a couple of Children Playing signs and would get more if needed for South East Street. The crew was planning to get started on the park trails this fall yet.
3. Discussed the low general fund balance and the shortfall from the State's payments of the income tax receipts.
4. Discussed the letter from Moring Disposal, Inc. regarding the garbage fee increase.
5. Mayor Bates reported the new fixtures and LED bulbs were installed in the park lights by Herrell Electric. To check on whether the flag pole solar light fixture was under any warranty as it was not working.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the cemetery tours were scheduled for Saturday, October 29th with a rain date of October 30th. He reported the Raven's Grin Inn has brought much business to town these last few weekends and that had helped all of the downtown businesses as well. Ann Dougherty of Learn Great Foods was moving her business use from the Kraft building. Work was continuing on the Stone House.

Alderman Bergren reported that the People for Progress were working on the development of the Mount Carroll Community Foundation. More information would be forthcoming in press releases.

Under general audience comments, Mr. Len Anderson noted his concern about the sidewalk along the west side of the 300 block of North Carroll Street, Mr. Jeff Woodside commented about the good activities going on in the downtown and stated he hoped the City would look at a different vendor for tree stump removal.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 8, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector