

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Brian Krull 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 Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John McConnel gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the September 24, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. 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 September 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 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$465,910.56 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 25th historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

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1. Under old business the committee discussed that the current owner of the Haas building would be repairing the west wall of the building; noted the work to be done to update the survey of the historic district buildings; and the one sign to be repaired on South College Street.

Alderman Charles reported of the October 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFERS recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$25,000 from the cemetery fund to the sewer fund and \$20,000 from the park fund to the sewer fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Alderman Charles reported the funds would be used to pay for the media for the bio disc project and the recent purchase of chemicals for the sewer plant. He noted the finance committee would be considering a couple of options for ways to pay back the park and cemetery funds. One would be to review the expenses from the TIF funds and one is to increase the sewer charge rates. This will be discussed in future meetings.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation GASB NO. 45 to hire Mr. Bob Hopson to conduct the GASB No. 45 Statement STATEMENT Valuation report for the annual financial statement at a cost of VALUATION \$600.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. *Vote amended
4. Alderman Charles reported that the Walgreen's stock had been WALGREEN'S STOCK sold and funds deposited. Total received for the 201.193 shares was \$11,213.40.
5. The finance committee reviewed the annual tax levy worksheet. The committee asked the clerk

to provide a draft of the totals for the next meeting with the grand total not to exceed \$220,000.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and the council **NOISE ORDINANCE** discussed with him some of the requirements to be considered for addressing the outdoor music events at the local businesses and during the festivals. To consider setting a time limit and a decibel level. Alderman Charles stated he would set up a demonstration of the different noise levels at the next license and ordinance committee meeting on October 21st. Mr. Jim Fiser, 842 S. Jackson Street, was in attendance and addressed the council to express his concern to resolve this matter.

Alderman Charles reported that the clean up in the Bushy Flats area was coming along but slowly. He stated the dumpster had been repositioned into the back of the buildings and the goal was to have it removed by October 15th.

Mayor Bates reported that he would suggest having a notice sent to Mr. Bob Boyd about the building located at 209 W. Market Street. There has not been any word yet about how he plans to handle the collapse of the front wall of the building or clearing out the weeds.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider **SPECIAL USE PERMIT** the planning commission recommendation to approve the special use permit application submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Schubert, Sr. and Mr. Brian Krull. The applicants are requesting to operate a craft distillery and farm, and that the property would remain as the agriculture zoning classification with a special use permit of the shop building being converted into the distilling house. The property is located within the area of the 200 and 300 block of South Mill Street. Mr. Krull was in attendance and addressed the council about the distillery operations, how he would be farming the acreage around the buildings if the soil met the conditions for their crops of fruit and wheat, where the parking area would be located on the property, and stated he would need to meet safety and health regulations for the federal ATF licensing bureau as well as the county health department. Alderman Sisler commented about the flood hazard area and noted that all of the utilities as well as the buildings would need to meet those standards. Alderman Risko asked about why Mr. Krull picked Mount Carroll and whether he was planning on tours in the future. Alderman Charles stated that he attended the planning commission meeting and had asked Mr. Krull about his expectations for the business five years from now. Alderman Rose asked about the sale of the product from that facility in the future and noted he had been in the one building on the property in the past and had observed a film of oil from a hole in the floor. Alderman Bergren stated he felt Mr. Krull should have a Phase 1 environmental study done. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the special use permit application submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Schubert, Sr. and Mr. Brian Krull for the property located within the 300 block of South Mill Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, no, Sisler, no, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 3 yeses and 3 noes. Tie vote required Mayor Bates to vote and he cast a yes vote. Vote: 4 yeses, 3 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the **PROCLAMATION** Mayor's proclamation regarding observance of October 6th through October 13th as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Mount Carroll to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-10-6**

Ordinance No. 21013-10-6, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-10-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. It was noted that this was setting a date, November 12, 2013, to receive bids for the sale of the property at 113 North Mill Street.

Mayor Bates stated that the city received a quote from Todd Birkel, ENGINEERING QUOTE Structural Engineer, (Formerly of MSA Professional Services, Inc.), to observe the masonry wall renovation of the (Haas building) property located at southeastern corner of West Market Street and North Carroll Street. Total cost for anticipated three site visits and reports back to the City, \$1,800.00. Alderman Sisler stated he felt since the first site visit was to be done during the renovation of existing foundation system, and that he felt this had already been done, the City should only be expected to compensate for two site visits for a total of \$1,200.00. After discussion of this matter, Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve and authorize an amended proposal for the structural engineering with Mr. Birkel of Hooting Coyote, LLC, Elizabeth, IL, at the cost of \$1,200.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates stated he would contact Mr. Birkel to set this up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Ms. Teri Ebensberger commented about the special use permit application, Alderman Risko reported of a fundraiser activity at the Campbell Center on October 26th, and Alderman Sisler asked about the iFiber system progress.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim 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 8:15 p.m.

*The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the October 22, 2013 regular meeting with the amendment in item number 3 from the finance committee report, Alderman Sisler voted "no" to this recommendation.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector