

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Jusufi 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 Rose, ROLL CALL  
present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mrs. Carol Frey, Mt. Carroll United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the August 23, 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 Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 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.

Mayor Bates reported of the bank account balances as of today at FINANCIAL REPORT  
\$393,815.14. Alderman Bergren 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.

- COMMITTEES
- Alderman Charles reported of the September 13<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
  2. Mayor Bates presented a proposal for the disbursement of the TIF TIF FUNDS  
funds for this year. For council review.
  3. Mayor Bates reported he had talked with Jay Zickau of Zickau COMMUNITY HOUSE  
Construction Co. regarding the remodeling of the bathrooms at the community house. With the  
City doing the demolition work and providing a dumpster and completing the priming and  
painting the cost was at \$21,328.00. He stated he had talked with one local painting contractor.  
In discussion it was noted to consider asking other local painting contractors for a cost estimate.  
Mayor Bates stated he had approached someone from the Lions Club about the installation of the  
accessible ramp to the back of the building. The City could purchase the materials if the  
group could find the volunteer labor. After discussion about the accessibility standards and  
whether two bathrooms were needed, Alderman Charles presented the finance committee  
recommendation to approve the amended proposal with Zickau Construction Co.  
for the construction of the bathroom remodel at the City community house at a cost not to  
exceed \$21,328.00 (with the project start schedule to be in December 2011 or January 2012).  
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.
  4. It was noted that four from Mount Carroll would like to attend the NIMA MEETING  
Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to be held in Chadwick, IL  
at the Oakville Country Club.
  5. Alderman Charles presented the listing of old delinquent water bills to COLLECTION  
be submitted to the City's collection agency. (Total \$3,755.40)

6. Alderman Charles commented about the Law's Excavating bill in the LAW'S accounts payable for this meeting. Mr. Reid Law was in attendance EXCAVATING BILL and reviewed and explained the issues and problem areas encountered when doing the excavating of Benton Street. This brought the cost from the award of \$52,994.36 to a total of \$60,315.05. It was noted there a soft spot along the edge of the road (in the 900 block of East Benton Street) that Mr. Law stated he would see got repaired this season. Alderman Charles reported that they discussed holding back a portion of the payment until that project was completed, however, the total amount was approved for payment to the contractor.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the last car cruise CDC UPDATE night for the season was scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>; there was going to be a 24-hour fundraising event for the Main Street Art Guild and the proceeds would be donated to the community house remodeling project; the game night at the Kraft Building was scheduled for the third Monday of the month; he noted that there was going to be the development of underground fiber lines close by the area and wondered about making contacts to the appropriate companies about this matter; also, he noted that some of the discussions at his business have been centered around and concerning the rash of robberies recently. Chief Cass noted that there was an ongoing investigation of all of the reports and he would encourage all residents to be sure to report any suspicious activity and certainly continue to secure their belongings, such as vehicle and property.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION street solicitation request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct the activity on October 15, 2011 at the highway and downtown intersections in town. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that he has been contacted about the handicapped ACCESSIBLE PARKING accessible parking spots now marked on the west side of North Main Street. He stated that the signs were not in compliance and the business owners in the area would like to see them reduced to two spaces. He stated he would meet with Alderman Rose about moving the one space to be used for van accessibility to another corner in this area, and they would report back.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2011-9-5, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WATER 2011-9-5 REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeases, 1 no and 0 absent. Ordinance No. 2011-9-5 was adopted by majority vote of the council.

The following was presented under general audience: GENERAL AUDIENCE COMMENT  
Mr. Percy Vesperman asked about the street lights along IL Route 78 that had been in place before the road was paved. He noted it should just require a council request for the lights. Mayor Bates stated he was in contact with someone with Jo Carroll Energy about this matter to replace at least some of the lights that were taken out.

Mrs. Anna Gray of North Washington Avenue asked about the hydrant flushing and when it might be done in her area of town. The council members present noted that it was continuing this month and there would be public notice. Alderman Sisler stated that he wished to see some record or log of the work done on the hydrants so far. Mayor Bates stated that could be considered for the committee meeting.

Mrs. Paula Trent of North Main Street stated she has been concerned about the brush and leaf burning that would start up again this fall. She noted though that she is sure there is someone in the neighborhood that has been burning more than landscape waste. Mayor Bates stated that the council members could discuss the matter further at the committee meetings night the last Monday of this month. Most alternatives in the past have presented funding issues. Mr. Reid Law commented that he would take tree leaves at his motor park area north of town.

Mayor Bates noted a letter he received from the superintendent of the West Carroll School expressing his appreciation for the help they received from the Mt. Carroll Police Department at a recent incident at the middle school in town.

Mr. Reid Law noted that there were some swings at Point Rock Park that were broken.

Alderman Bergren stated he was talking with municipal officials from another community about whether they would sell or give away some older playground equipment they were changing out.

Mrs. Paula Trent reported of a deep hole in the roadway near the intersection of Main and Center Streets.

Mrs. Mary Roach asked about getting some information about how to make application for TIF funds. Mayor Bates noted that she could come into city hall and get that.

Alderman Bork 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 Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 27, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector