

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bob Hatheway 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, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the June 14, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Alderman Sisler stated that he had
commented at the last meeting and asked for the council to discuss some requirements representing each
ward on various committees for this meeting. May that be on the agenda for the next meeting? He stated
he wished to make a recommendation for the next meeting to have this on the agenda. Mayor Bates
stated no. Alderman Sisler asked if he could ask for the council to vote on that. City Attorney Ronald
Coplan was in attendance and stated that the motion on the floor was to consider the approval of the
minutes. If something was missing and he wanted to propose an amendment he could present that.
Alderman Sisler moved to amend the minutes to reflect what he asked to have that issue on the agenda
stated in the minutes. Alderman Rose seconded the motion to amend the minutes. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, no, and Bork, yes. Vote: 4 yeses and 2
noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates asked for roll call vote on the approval of the minutes as
amended. 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2011. 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.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were \$606,330.76 as of FINANCIAL REPORT
today. 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.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 21st ADA committee meeting: COMMITTEES
ADA
1. Also attending the meeting was Kathy Fischer the Executive Director of the NICIL office in
Rock Falls, IL. The topics of discussion were considering a City Accessibility Plan. The first
item to look at was the parking lots and the need for spaces and proper markings. The committee
asked if this matter could be directed to the street superintendent.
2. The committee to develop a plan of improvements in the downtown for future consideration by
the council.
3. The next meeting was scheduled for July 19th at 10:00 a.m.
4. Alderman Rose reported that he and the two representatives from NICIL looked at the location
of the handicapped parking spaces on Main Street and noticed several other items to be checked
at the intersections.

Alderman Rose reported of the June 27th police committee meetings: POLICE
1. The first meeting was at 2:00 p.m. to review the police department budget.
2. Chief Cass reported that the air conditioner at the office was no longer working. To check with a

local contractor for prices to consider ducting the main floor air conditioning to the police department.

3. Discussed the purchase of the new squad vehicle. Will put through with Kunes' for the trade as the Expedition would not service the needs of the public works department. Reduced the line item for the vehicle in the budget \$7,000 to \$23,000. To check with the other department about the repairs needed on the S-10 truck to keep that operational.
4. The following items were discussed during the evening meeting:
 - A) Chief Cass reported that the fan motor in the Crown Victoria squad had quit today and this was being repaired.
 - B) It was noted that the city attorney was working on a draft of an ordinance regarding part time police officers.
 - C) Alderman Bork suggested if the City was to give the (K-9) dog to Fred (Chief Cass) the City could save money. Would not need to pay for training expenses, equipment, and vet expenses.
 - D) Discussed the trouble intersections in the downtown that could be hazard around the storm drains. (This was noted by Alderman Rose from his walking tour of the downtown with the representatives from NICIL-Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living)

Alderman Charles reported of the June 27th license & ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE meeting:

1. Alderman Charles reported of several tall weeds and grass violations and a complaint of traffic on Clay Street. He would present those to the clerk and the chief for their attention.
2. Discussed a sign ordinance. The historic preservation committee had presented the items needed to the city attorney to draft an ordinance for the council to review. Discussed the brightness of the Church of God sign at the 4-way highway intersection. The committee asked the Chief to contact the church board about this matter and see if they could make some changes.
3. Alderman Sisler presented a letter from someone that wished to volunteer to be on the Planning Commission.
4. Alderman Sisler quoted from the City Code Section 1-7-2 Powers and Duties of the City Clerk – Paragraph B “that he counter sign all warrants drawn upon the City treasury by authority of the council and deliver the same when called for to the persons entitled thereto.” It was also noted that this goes with the Corporate Authorization Resolutions with the two banks. The Finance Committee to consider tomorrow night at their meeting.
5. Alderman Sisler asked about the sign displayed at the park with Kunes' Country Auto Group name on it. Could others ask to have sponsorship and have a sign displayed as well? The committee members in attendance felt that could be discussed if a letter was presented as it was for Kunes' through the baseball program organizers.
6. Alderman Rose reported that he was contacted by a resident on Rapp Street concerned about the drainage coming off of Rapp and into their yard and going into the basement. Superintendent Dauphin noted that the gutter along that area was going to be redone. This was on a list to do when they disturbed the area placing the new water line to the one house there.

Alderman Risko reported of the June 27th streets committee meeting:

1. Discussed drainage and water issues for an alley behind the 100 block of East State Road, Strickler Avenue, and in front of 623 South East Street. Superintendent Dauphin reported he was either working on the matter or would check on them as soon as possible.

2. Alderman Risko reported he received a quote from Superintendent Handel for the new radios needed for the streets, water and sewer department this coming fiscal year. These were needed to meet the new FCC narrow band radio regulations. These would add a total of \$3,900 to the equipment line items. (This was also addressed at finance this evening to be added to the Appropriation Ordinance)
3. Superintendent Dauphin reported he had met with the contractor working on Benton Street and he assured him that they would have all of the area dug up this week filled in and leveled for the 4th of July traffic. The weather has caused numerous delays on this project.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 27th water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported of the grate work for the suction intake. This installation would probably not be done before the close of the pool season. He stated the State has also provided information about the ADA regulations to have a lift on site at the pools now. This could cost upwards to \$5,000. The committee members noted the line item for equipment under recreation fund should be increased to \$6,500. Alderman Rose noted he had some resources for the superintendent to look at for this type of equipment.
2. Reported of the IEPA site inspection of the water system. A few changes noted and need to address in a letter to IEPA about correcting these. One item was to relocate the vent fan switches in the well houses. Nick Wagener, MSA, was in attendance at the committee meeting and noted that they (MSA) would fix this matter at not cost to the City. To coordinate with the City staff to get that done.
3. Committee members in attendance and police chief gave approval to hold the 4th of July parade on the city streets again this year.
4. Superintendent Handel stated he was planning to conduct the hydrant flushing starting the 1st week in August.
5. Water bill collection discussed.
6. Alderman Risko presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the sludge disposal permit application to be submitted to the IEPA. 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. SLUDGE DISPOSAL PERMIT
7. Alderman Bork noted she felt the community house bathrooms should be re-done this year. It was in the budget, it should be done.

Mayor Bates noted that the specifications were developed last year. To consider advertising for bids. He stated he would consider having this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 28th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Gary Foltz, The National Bank, was in attendance and explained the purpose of the Corporate Authorization Resolution with the City's depository banks. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to pass and approve the Corporate Authorization Resolutions for The National Bank and Savanna Thomson State Bank with the mayor, clerk and finance committee members named as agents with two agent signatures required to exercise the power. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The Corporate Authorization Resolutions were adopted by unanimous roll call vote. CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTIONS

3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation FIREWORKS to approve the contribution of \$200.00 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department for the fireworks display. 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.
4. Alderman Charles reported that the finance committee opened three proposals from collection agencies. RRCA Account Management, Inc. of Sterling, IL; Verifacts, Inc. of Sterling, IL; and Tri-State Adjustments Freeport, Freeport, IL. The committee decided to table this matter to be able to review the proposals more thoroughly.
5. Alderman Charles provided some guidelines to administer the proposed WELFARE FUND Health and Welfare Fund for water bill assistance. The Mount Carroll Ministerial Association would help administer the fund through the clerk's office. After more discussion, Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the city attorney to draft an ordinance for the Health and Welfare Fund for water bill assistance. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.
6. Alderman Risko presented the following changes to the annual APPROPRIATION ORD. appropriation ordinance:
 - Police Department line item for vehicle: reduce \$7,000
 - Street Department line item for equipment: increase \$1,950
 - Water Department line item for equipment: increase \$975
 - Sewer Department line item for equipment: increase \$975
 - Recreation Fund line item for equipment: increase \$4,000
 - Establish the health and welfare fund at \$1,000
 Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the above changes to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and to have that draft presented to the council for the next meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
8. Discussed water bill liens.

Mayor Bates reported that the Business Development Committee met today to discuss an application submitted for a revolving loan fund loan. He reported that the consensus of the committee was to go back to applicant for more information.

Discussion was held on the duties and shifts of the part time police officers with Chief Cass.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that work was starting on the second floor of the Kraft Building restoration. The Bella restaurant in the downtown was opened and serving lunches and the Uncle Ernie's Ice Cream Shop was now opened as well in the Kraft Building. Grading of the land was continuing at the Old Stone House park. He reported that the Rotary Club had donated a large flag to the Market Street Commons for display.

CDC UPDATE

Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise Night organizer, was in attendance and reported CAR CRUISE that the event held on June 18th was very successful even with the threat of rain. They were hoping to be able to set aside more parking so more cones would be needed. To check with the street superintendent about that matter. To consider a street dance at a future meeting.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the raffle license for the Mount Carroll Fire Department. 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. RAFFLE LICENSE

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the date change for the Adrienne's Angels to conduct a street solicitation on September 24, 2011 at the highway intersection. 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. STREET SOLICITATION

Mr. Pete Eiteuner, Mt. Carroll Ministerial Association, was in attendance and asked about a time line for the establishment of the Health and Welfare Fund for water bill assistance. Mayor Bates stated it should be in place by the first of August.

Alderman Sisler asked to have a couple of items on the agenda for the next meeting: ALDERMAN SISLER

1. He noted that the City of Peoria was considering an ordinance for the handling the possession of small amounts of marijuana. He provided a copy of a newspaper article and stated the City should discuss this matter.
2. He stated he understood that there had been some changes in the scope of work being done by the contractor on the Benton Street Project. Would these issues be discussed? Mayor Bates stated that yes he understood that there was something and it should be considered if it would change any of the costs.
3. He stated he would like the City to consider some areas at the south west end of town that could be annexed into the City. Mayor Bates, Alderman Bergren and City Attorney Coplan stated that there had been some discussions in the past about some of this area. It would not hurt to revisit the matter.

Mr. Jeff Woodside, South East Street, was in attendance and expressed his appreciation to the council for the work that they do and his appreciation to Mr. Anderson for the work on the Car Cruise Night events.

Alderman Bergren reported of his conversation with a State Representative about the Historic Properties Tax Credits.

Mrs. Ebensberger, Miller Street, was in attendance and asked some questions about the liquor licenses.

Correspondence:

Mayor Bates noted that the departments committee meetings were referenced at the council training as trying to change the date to have all of their actions on the council meeting agenda. To consider a date for these.

Clerk Cuckler reported that a planning commission meeting had been scheduled for July 11th in city hall at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Bates reported that the city's Walgreen's stock was now going up to the price it was when Sheldon and Lano Frank and families donated this several years ago. To consider some action on this possibly.

Alderman Bork noted the letter that the mayor should have received today regarding a volunteer for the planning commission. Mayor Bates stated it could not be handled this evening; it would have to be on the agenda.

Alderman Bergren expressed his concern about the Haas building located at the corner of West Market and North Carroll Street. The side of the building was bowed and the city should revisit this matter before something happens. Mayor Bates stated he would write a letter to the property owner to see if he would allow the city access to assess the status of this from the inside as well. If not, then the council would need to start the process for other action.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko 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. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 12, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector