

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 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, present, and Joe Grim,  
present.  
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Paul Figie gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the September 10, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,  
Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion  
was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko 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 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$468,478.24 FINANCIAL REPORT  
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

COMMITTEES  
Alderman Risko reported of the September 12<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY  
1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the bid to repair 6 large stones at the cemetery. The  
consensus of the committee members present was to recommend to the city council to approve  
the bid from Pruitt Cemetery Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$1,490.00 to repair the 6 large  
stones at the cemetery that were identified as leaning severely and considered a hazard.  
Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to accept the bid from Pruitt Cemetery  
Foundation, Inc. of Ridott, IL in the amount of \$1,490.00 to repair the 6 large hazardous stones  
at the cemetery. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes,  
Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Aldermen Bergren, Rose and Charles reported of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meetings. The minutes  
from the streets, police, license and ordinance and water and sewer committees have been included into  
the record of these minutes. The following action was presented from the meeting:

Alderman Bergren presented the streets committee recommendation to PARK SHEDS  
pursue the demolition of the 2 old storage sheds at Point Rock Park and to get the appropriate permits.  
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes.  
Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to PART TIME OFFICER  
hire Mitch Ottenhausen to a part time police officer position for the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen  
Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes.  
The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles reported of the September 24<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee TREASURER'S SEMINAR  
recommendation to approve the registration and expenses for the City Treasurer Cindi Wiersema

to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurer’s Association Institute training in Bloomington, IL in November. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.

- 3. Alderman Risko reported that the city hall staff was setting up the payroll direct deposit process. This would be implemented in the next month.
- 4. To consider having a worksheet to discuss the annual tax levy at the next meeting.
- 5. Chief Cass reported of recertification training that would be coming up this fall with K-9 Scout. The training was scheduled to be in Michigan this year. The committee members noted that there was a line item in his budget for the training to meet his annual requirements.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported he would have the notice and ordinance drafted to sell the Mill Street property.

113 N. MILL STREET  
PROPERTY

Mayor Bates noted that the next item of business was to discuss the status of the Haas property located at the corner of Carroll and Market Streets.

CARROLL & MARKET  
STREET

Mayor Bates stated that they were working on getting the electric pole repositioned. Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and asked that the mayor please note to the crews where his driveway is located so that it is not blocked from access onto Carroll Street.

Alderman Charles reported that the clean up in the Bushy Flats area was coming along but slowly. He stated they would be repositioning the dumpster into the back of the buildings within the next week or so.

Alderman Sisler commented that he was asked by one of the other owners of the Bushy Flats properties if the mayor had heard whether TIF funds could be used for a roof replacement. Mayor Bates stated he thought he had followed through with that question quite some time ago. He would check again.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Alderman Risko reported that there were over 100 participants for a museum seminar held on the Campbell Center campus this week. Mr. Len Anderson reported that there were over 100 cars registered for the car cruise night on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the 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 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 8, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector

NAME OF COMMITTEE Streets, License & Ordinance, Police, Water and Sewer  
PLACE OF MEETING City Hall  
DATE OF MEETING September 23, 2013  
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.  
THOSE PRESENT Mayor Bates, Aldermen Charles, Rose, Sisler, Bergren, Risko and Grim

ITEMS OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED, RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS:

Also in attendance: Superintendent Russell Handel, Police Chief Fred Cass, part time officer Duane Babicz, and Savanna Police Officer Mitch Ottenhausen.

STREETS

1. Alderman Risko noted that he, Mayor Bates and Streets Superintendent Dauphin had met last week to discuss the agenda for this evening's meeting and stated that Superintendent Dauphin was unable to attend this meeting tonight.
2. Under completed and ongoing projects, the crew was maintaining the equipment, sweeping streets where needed, continuing cemetery maintenance, and have replaced sidewalk along Clay Street. Under current projects the crew was assisting the water and sewer department with the bio disc project. Alderman Risko reviewed the park maintenance issues and projects to be done by next year. \*Recommendation from the committee to pursue the demolition of the two (2) old storage sheds at Point Rock Park and to get the appropriate permits.  
He reported that the crew would be doing some more of the sidewalk replacement once the bio disc project was done, weather permitting.  
Regarding the Galena Street bridge project, Alderman Risko reported that the county Engineer had stated that the soil boring tests were done and that they were waiting for that information. The blue prints indicate that the current bridge structure would remain in place and would be tied into the new construction and be used as a walking bridge. The costs to the City were estimated at \$200,000. Motor fuel tax funds could be used for this.

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles stated he wished to address the issue of the outdoor music events at the Henry's Double K business located along South Jackson Street and the noise complaint by the neighbor, Mr. James Fiser. Alderman Charles presented a summary of information he had been gathering from other communities, the county and the Illinois Environmental Safety agency. He presented a recommendation for consideration to be presented to the city attorney at tomorrow's meeting to develop an ordinance. The ordinance would regulate that all businesses that might have outside music to receive permits and set a time when the music was to cease for the evening and to set a decibel level that meets the Illinois Noise Standards. He stated if the noise is to be monitored the City would need to purchase a meter that meets certain specifications and that could cost up to about \$1,000.00. In discussion the committee members asked how the permits were to be set up. Was the business to register each time they had a band or were they to provide a schedule each year or month? Maybe leave the permit requirement out of the new regulation. Consider what the time to cease the music during the week days and the weekend days should be. Setting the time at 12:00 a.m. did not seem appropriate on week days. Mr. Fiser was in attendance and stated he did not feel that the police officer handled his complaint very well the last time he called on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Meador, of Henry's Double K, was in attendance and stated that the band was inside that night and he met with the officer when he stopped over that night. He stated he would be very concerned about setting any noise levels on the outside bands at all. He did not see how he was going to bring the noise level down enough. Mayor Bates noted that why the council was here today was due to the complaint made about

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the outside noise after 11:00 p.m. He stated the way the ordinance reads today whether the noise was outside or came from the inside the matter was subjective to the parties involved and the police officer that was called to address the complaint at the time. He stated that he felt there needed to be more guidance for the police officer called to handle this matter whether there were time limits or meters to measure the noise or both. The committee has some suggestions to provide to the city attorney for his feedback in order to keep this matter moving forward.

POLICE

1. Chief Cass introduced two individuals to the committee and council members in attendance. Mr. Duane Babicz of Freeport, IL that was hired as a part time officer was in attendance and Mr. Mitch Ottenhausen of Savanna, IL to be considered to be added to the part time roster this evening. He stated he would be taking two others off his roster that have not been able to help for quite some time. He was going to need more help since the one full time officer would be off picking corn next month. \*Recommendation from the police committee to ask the mayor and council to appoint Mitch Ottenhausen to a part time police officer position for City.
2. Chief Cass noted he provided the August 2013 monthly report.
3. Chief Cass stated he was looking into the purchase of laptop computers for the officers to be used in the squad cars.
4. Chief Cass stated he would like the committee to consider a line item in the police budget that would set aside a portion of money each year to have an amount available for the purchase of a new vehicle every two or three years.
5. Chief Cass reported that the squads were going to need tires before winter.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported that they were working on the bio disc project. One of the shafts was completed and they had started on the second one today. It took about six days to complete the one shaft and he expected the same for the others. This replacement would need to be considered again in about five years. However, he suggested the council consider a more long term fix for this. Maybe start planning to replace these units with the updated equipment. Mr. Steve Haring from MSA was in attendance and noted there could be some financial options to plan for this project.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that Greg Kloeping was catching on very well in his new position and so was the new employee, Mark Mueller.
3. Discussed the scheduling of the fire hydrant flushing.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 7:26 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Clerk Cuckler

## PARK MAINTENANCE

- DIG BURM AROUND NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO CONTAIN SAND.
- ADD ONE ADDITIONAL SMALL ROCKING RIDE TO OTHER PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SITE AND ADD SAND.
- REMOVE OLD SWING FRAME AND SLIDE IN BACK OF THE PARK.
- REMOVE AND POSSIBLY RELOCATE 3 BAR-B-Q GRILLS.
- REMOVE 2 EQUIPMENT SHEDS.
- REPLACE MISSING SWINGS AND REPAINT FRAME OF SWING SET NEAR BALL DIAMOND.
- REPAIR WOODEN TRAIN (FRED PASCHKE STATED HE WOULD REBUILD THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT).
- IMPROVE PARK RESTROOM CLEANING.