

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Elizabeth McMillin 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 Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the December 9, 2014 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 Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2014 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles,
yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$410,392.91.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 23rd license & ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles noted that there were several ordinances pending a final draft from the city attorney.
2. Alderman Charles stated he would like the committee members and council to consider the question whether to change the clerk's position from an elected position to and appointed position with the city. To talk about again at the next meeting of the license & ordinance committee.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 23rd finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. Alderman Charles presented an updated spreadsheet on the interaccount transfers and loans.
2. After review of the commercial insurance bids, Alderman Charles INSURANCE BIDS
presented the finance committee recommendation to accept the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association insurance coverage at \$48,595 annual premium, for one year with the option to renew after one year. 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.
3. The bills were reviewed and approved.
4. Discussed the sewer lining bills. The engineering bills are to be paid yet.
5. Discussionn of a process to set a policy for establishing funding for future City projects.
6. Budget/Appropriations work to start. Next meeting will have the police department projections.
7. Mayor Bates noted that the closing date to receive applications for the water and sewer department position was met. He stated he would look over applications with the water and sewer department superintendent and report back. At this time two part time workers were helping out with the meter reading, meter installations and maintenance.

8. Mayor Bates noted that the Leadership Roundtable had been cancelled for this year. Not enough people were registered.

The council discussed the sponsorship of the MAPPING program to be MAPPING PROGRAM facilitated by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. Mayor Bates stated he wished the council to approve having this program done and he thought the City could offer to let the steering committee use the community house facility for any or all of their meetings. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve to have the MAPPING program proceed for Mount Carroll. 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 help by making a contribution and as well Aldermen Risko and Bergren did the same. Ms. Sherry Morel was in attendance and stated she would be on the steering committee but she would not be the chair. They would be moving forward and would let the council know what might be needed other than attending some of the meetings in the future.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass Resolution RESOLUTION No. R12-2014-2, A Resolution of the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving the Appropriation of Funds from the City's Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation fund for the Payment of Public Infrastructure Expenditures. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Risko, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R12-2014-2 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Noting \$26,400 from the TIF fund to the debt service fund for the IEPA loan for the waterworks improvements project.

The consensus of the council members present was to approve the change FIBER OPTIC CABLE in the route for the underground installation of the fiber optic cable by the Wisconsin Independent Network.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates noted the letter from Medicom CORRESPONDENCE regarding the change in the cable television rates, the letter from Moring Disposal, Inc. reporting that 26,060 pounds of recycling were picked up in town during the month of November, and the letter from the Boy Scouts of America, Blackhawk Area Council, requesting donations for the Art Moshure Memorial Camp Scholarship fund. Also noted the listing of city council meeting dates for the 2015 calendar year.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko 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 Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 13, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector