

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jim Fiser 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 Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the October 14, 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 Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2014 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 that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$429,189.36.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 15th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. The committee reviewed building and demolition permits for South Clay Street, East Washington Street, South Porter Street, East Broadway Street, and Bennett Drive.
2. Reviewed the status of the work for the historic district resurvey.
3. Discussed the repairs and update of several signs in the historic district walking tour area.
4. Discussed the downtown parking.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 28th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER
meeting:

1. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, Inc., was in SEWER LINING PROJECT
attendance and presented a report of the sewer lining project. The lining work was done, but the
subcontractor that was scheduled to complete the grout work was running a bit behind. He
provided Change Order #1 that included moving the Substantial Completion time to November
14, 2014. This would not change the Final Completion date set at November 21, 2014. This was
to accommodate the subcontractor's schedule for completing the lateral sealing. MSA
recommended the council to approve the change order. Alderman Bergren presented the water
and sewer committee recommendation to approve Change Order #1 for the sewer lining project
as presented. 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.
2. Mr. Haring reported of the service line that serves the restroom facilities at the Point Rock Park
located in the back part of the park. There was a significant clearwater flow and signs of mineral
deposits from river water. The lateral connection had been lined and sealed off at this time. The
city would need to review a couple of options either to repair the line or install a buried holding
tank to service these restrooms in the future.
3. Discussion of the fiber optic cable installation project. The company had provided a change to

the layout on State Street. This was being reviewed by the City's consulting engineers and Water and Sewer Superintendent Handel. The project was approved during a past meeting.

4. It was noted that Nick Wagner from MSA had done a walk through of the wastewater treatment plant with the water and sewer superintendent. This was to start work on the facility plan.
5. Discussed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency inspection of the City's water system last month. The superintendent was working on taking care of the action items from the report.
6. Alderman Grim asked about looking into setting up an ice skating rink somewhere in town this winter if the weather permits.

Alderman Charles reported of the October 28th license and ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles presented the license and ordinance committee recommendation to approve the final draft of the employee handbook to take effect November 1, 2014. 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. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
2. Alderman Charles reported the license and ordinance committee reviewed the draft of the noise ordinance from the city attorney and recommends its approval. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2014-10-2, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10-2 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO NOISES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. Ordinance No. 2014-10-2 was adopted by majority vote of the council.
3. Discussed a report that someone starting a building project without a permit.
4. Alderman Charles reported the next ordinances to complete are the dog and sign ordinances.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The committee reviewed the tax levy worksheet. The final total ANNUAL TAX LEVY was set at \$230,000.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommen- INTERFUND TRANSFER dation to approve the interfund transfer of \$7,000.00 from the general fund to the cemetery fund to pay back the loan. 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.
4. Aldrman Risko commented about the annual treasurer's report in comparison to last year's report.
5. Discussed the noise ordinance with the city attorney.
6. Alderman Sisler noted some issues brought to his attention regarding business activity in residential buildings and within residential areas. These properties might require review for special uses. Discussed how to proceed with these matters.
7. Discussion of the sewer fund and the very low balance and monies needed to pay back the other city funds for the large projects the last two years.

Under old business Alderman Risko reported that the city crew has taken WELCOME SIGN down the billboard sign located at the highway intersection. Mr. Len BILLBOARD Anderson then reported of seeking a design change for the structure with new graphics that should last longer than painting. Estimated costs around \$2,000.00. The concept design presented this evening was well received. Mr. Anderson stated he would report back as he had started to talk to some of the businesses about contributing to the project.

The council discussed the information received about the Americorps Community Partnership Program.

To give that information to the county sheriff.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to grant the **RAFFLE LICENSE** raffle license to the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, here, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 present and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Mr. Jim Fiser, South Jackson Street commented **GENERAL AUDIENCE** on the noise ordinance; Ms. Linda Anderson, Pumpkin Fest organizer, reported of the cemetery tours held on October 25th and the t-shirt sales that had generated \$310 so far; Alderman Rose reported of an ordinance violation complaint he received; Alderman Risko reported of a \$200 donation to the cemetery fund and read a letter from the donor, Skaidrite (Sky) Haller of Duluth, MN; Alderman Risko also reported of \$100 donation to the cemetery fund from the winner of the "Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin" contest.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from **CORRESPONDENCE** Mediacom the City's cable television regarding a preview of some new channels, and the letter from the County ESDA Coordinantor about some upcoming training. Mayor Bates also reported that the new restaurant owners of Molly's were going to offer a Sunday brunch so they had added the Sunday Sales to the liquor license.

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 8:18 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector