

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Mary Boelkens rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL

Alderman Bergren, Chairman of the meeting in the absence of the mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Tom Charles, present, Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present. ROLL CALL

Alderman Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Mary Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous aye voice vote of the council members present. MINUTES

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2015 as approved by the finance committee. The motion was carried by unanimous aye voice vote of the council members present. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Charles reported of the February 17th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE

1. The finance committee went into closed session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.
2. No action or discussion was presented.

Alderman Charles reported of the February 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented a proposal to consider a loan in order to pay off the interfund loans.
3. Discussion of the proposed employee agreement to be considered for the new hire for the water and sewer department.
4. Alderman Risko presented the line item review of the budget for the next fiscal year for the following department and funds: General Fund/Streets Department expenses at \$307,150; Cemetery Fund revenues at \$18,400 and expenses at \$44,950; Park Fund revenues at \$14,550 and expenses at \$37,250; Audit Fund revenues at \$19,010 and expenses at \$19,000; Civil Defense Fund Revenues at \$415 and expenses at \$2,500; Garbage Fund revenues at \$94,200 and expenses at \$102,300. To complete during the council meeting.

Alderman Risko reported of the February 24th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. The board members reviewed the budget for the cemetery fund. Discussed the purchase of a new mower and some road improvements that were added to the expenditures. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the cemetery fund budget figures as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
2. The transfer of the Tautz property was now with Mayor Bates to complete.
3. Alderman Sisler commented about the contributions pledged to the cemetery endowment fund.

Alderman Charles reported of the February 24th license & ordinance committee: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. The committee heard from Mayor McCombie of Savanna, IL as to her comments about the city clerk's position and whether there was more benefit to having CITY CLERK POSITION

this position be elected or appointed. She stated she was provided some other information in writing that she would share with Mount Carroll. After discussion Alderman Charles stated that he would work on a job description for review at a future meeting.

2. Noted the ordinances still pending.
3. Discussion about a citizen complaint about an alleged ordinance violation regarding the number of dogs at a certain property.

Alderman Bergren reported of the February 24th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Discussion of the clogged sewer lines that have been presented to the City for plumbing cost reimbursements. General policy has been that the plumber was to notify the City of the problem if it seemed to go out into the street area. There are several bills pending review from the winter. Superintendent Handel to check these out and report back to the council by the next meeting.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE the raffle license for the Carroll County Senior Center. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.

Under general audience, Ms. Jill Wood and Mr. Dan Pepin of Community GENERAL AUDIENCE Funding and Planning Services were in attendance and addressed the council. They reported that the sewer grant project was almost completed and they would be presenting close out documents soon. They also presented a contribution to go to the MAPPING committee. Their comment was that they were familiar with this program and stated it would be a positive move for the community. Alderman Sisler presented a copy of a corporation file detail report from the Secretary of State's office for the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation that indicated the entity's status as "not good standing". The reported was dated 2/21/2015.

Under correspondence, Alderman Bergren noted the letter from CORRESPONDENCE Moring Disposal, Inc. regarding the pick up of 24,040 pounds of recycling the month of January 2015. He noted the Downtown Revitalization workshop coming up in Sterling, IL on April 21st. He also noted the newsletter he had provided from the Village of East Dundee.

Alderman Bergren reported that the overall total of the bank account FINANCIAL REPORT balances as of today were at \$291,272.54.

The council members present continued review of the budget for the BUDGET REVIEW following funds. For the Insurance Fund the revenues at \$38,075 and expenses at \$35,500; Motor Fuel Tax Fund the revenues at \$43,350 and expenses at \$65,000; IMRF Fund revenues at \$47,250 and expenses at \$42,000; Social Security Fund revenues at \$30,200 and expenses at \$33,000; Band Fund revenues at \$4,050 and expenses at \$4,050; Recreation Fund revenues at \$34,410 and expenses at \$36,825; Brick Street Fund revenues at \$110 and expenses at \$1,000; Building Fund revenues at \$5,040 and expenses at \$10,000; Forestry Fund revenues at \$7,100 and expenses at \$12,550; Enterprise Sinking Fund revenues at \$282,000 and expenses at \$268,050; Health & Welfare Fund revenues at \$1,000 and expenses at \$1,000; Revolving Loan Fund revenues at \$500 and expenses at \$80,000. Alderman Charles stated that he would have the figures to add the new capital improvement fund before the budget would be presented to the council for review at the first meeting in April.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present. Alderman Bergren adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 10, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector