

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. John Hitz 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, absent, and Joe Grim,
present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Rose gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the February 24, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,
Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.
The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2015 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and
Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$269,013.40 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 3rd recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES
RECREATION
1. Discussion of the proposed job description of the pool manager and reviewed the questions to
ask the applicants scheduled for interviews this evening. Discussed some of the maintenance
issues. Committee approved going into closed session at 5:15 p.m. for interviews.
2. The committee came back into open session at 7:00 p.m. The discussion was to contact the other
board member, Alderman Grim, and schedule another meeting to move forward with hiring a
pool manager for the summer season.

Alderman Grim reported of the March 10th recreation board meeting: RECREATION
1. Discussion about advertising for applications for lifeguards for this summer season.
2. Alderman Grim reported he had been contacted by the former pool manager, Jessica Moore. She
had indicated that she would help with any questions the new pool manager might have. Mr.
Kaczmariski stated he knew that Deb Gallentine would offer the same if asked.
3. At 6:09 p.m. the committee approved going into closed session to consider the appointment,
compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. The meeting was back
in open session at 6:15 p.m. No action presented from the close session.
4. Mr. Kaczmariski stated he would check on the area lifeguard certification training classes and get
the word out.
5. Discussed the timing to have lifeguard applications into city hall. Then consider a meeting for
their review and look at the pool for maintenance issues.

Alderman Rose reported of the March 10th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Chief Cass provided a month report for February.
2. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation LUCAS BOURQUIN
to take Officer Lucas Bourquin off of probation (for his full time employment status). Roll call
vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent.
Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved. The consensus of the committee that when the general fund had the funding from the State that the utility bills should be paid.
2. Discussion of the proposal for the re-financing of the water LOAN PROPOSAL and sewer accounts with bank funding. (A three-year loan that would be paid back monthly from the receipts to the Capital Improvements Fund) Alderman Charles stated he would like to consider approaching the local banks to pay back the loans to the other funds. Mayor Bates commented he would like to do something that would pay back those loans sooner than later. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to have Alderman Charles contact the local banks with this loan proposal and to report back.
3. Mr. Greg Kloeping, water and sewer operator, was in attendance JON ARMSTRONG and introduced Mr. Jonathan Armstrong as the recommended new hire for the department. Jon commented his interest with the position on the water and sewer department. Alderman Charles presented a copy of the employment agreement that Mr. Armstrong has read and agreed to, for the council to review this evening. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to hire Jonathan Armstrong to fill the vacancy on the water and sewer department. (The hourly starting wage at \$14.01) Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Discussion of the clogged sewer plumbing expenses from CLOGGED SEWER
LINES residents. Alderman Charles presented a letter from Water & Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel that recommended that the reimbursement of these costs be denied. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to follow this recommendation and let the property owners know these charges would not be reimbursed or paid by the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. (The property addresses were 507 N. Clay Street, 507 S. Porter Street, and 801 Jefferson Street)
5. The finance committee discussed the information regarding the EARLY RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE Early Retirement Incentive program through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The committee asked the clerk to contact the City's local representative from IMRF and get more information and request a cost estimate.
6. Alderman Bergren reported of a meeting in the Chicago area of area mayors talking about the governor's budget suggestion to cut some of the revenues to the municipal governments. The impacts to the community were discussed.

Clerk Cuckler reported the city attorney had provided a draft of a sign ordinance for the council to review.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass the RESOLUTION TO
LEGISLATORS Resolution Urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the SUMMER CAMP request from the Riverview Center to conduct a summer camp activity at Point Rock Park from June 9th

through June 11th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE the raffle license for the Carroll County Haiti Mission Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, commented of the GENERAL AUDIENCE number of renters that were now in the Market Street Commons (Kraft building). Mayor Bates stated he had been asked about reviewing the status of a handicapped parking space near the Pharmacy Center building.

Under correspondence, Clerk Cuckler reported that the employyee CORRESPONDENCE health insurance renewal infromation was provided for council review. To contact the local agent about providing more information about the options for this next year.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 24, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector