

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

Mr. Paul Kaczmarek 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 Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. John Boelkes gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the March 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Grim, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. 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 March 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 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$301,411.81 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today.

Alderman Charles reported of the March 24th license & ordinance COMMITTEES LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. Discussion of the proposed sign ordinance. Alderman Bergren SIGN ORDINANCE reported that the historic preservation advisory committee was still reviewing the draft. The committee members present voiced their approval to table the ordinance until the next meeting which was scheduled for the April 14th meeting night.

2. Alderman Charles provided a draft of the city clerk and collector CLERK/COLLECTOR job description for the council's review. He stated once it is known JOB DESCRIPTION how the council could change this position to appointed versus elected this would provide information of the scope of work. He asked the committee members to consider any comments or changes to the document.

3. Discussion to propose an handicapped parking space designated PARKING by the Pharmacy Center building. Alderman Rose stated that the owner was also agreeable to this suggestion. The committee asked the Chief of Police to look at this and report back to the council at the next committee meeting on April 14th.

4. Alderman Sisler asked about a dog issue discussed previously.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Discussion of the bank financing for the water LOAN PROPOSAL and sewer accounts interfund loans. Alderman Charles reported of the sewer plant projects done this last year such as the bio disc repairs, the purchase of a new sewer grinder and the new pump at the water department. The proposal and loan request was for \$110,000 from the local banks.

The banks responded with the following:

- The State Bank of Pearl City quoted the \$110,000 - \$3,000 monthly principal and interest payments – fixed interest rate of 2.75%
- The Savanna Thomson State Bank quoted \$110,000 with interest fixed at 4.5% for three years fully amortized with monthly payments of principal and interest. This would equate to a monthly payment of \$3,275 rounded to the nearest dollar. This loan will be on an unsecured basis requiring no collateral and documentation fee will be waived.
- The Triumph Community Bank quoted \$110,000 an interest rate bid of 2.98% fixed for up to a 4-year term. This loan for the purpose of repaying inter-account transfers would be for \$110,000, would be fully amortizing and would call for principal and interest payments on a monthly basis, This loan would be unsecured and rely upon the taxing authority and full faith and credit of the City of Mt. Carroll.

Alderman Charles reported that the money to pay for this loan would be from the monthly video gaming receipts and the capital improvements fund fee receipts from the water and sewer bills. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to accept the loan proposal from the State Bank of Pearl City contingent on not having to provide collateral, and if collateral is required then to contact the next lower proposal, the Triumph Community Bank, and proceed with the loan process. 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.

3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to hire Stephanie Hughes as the city swimming pool manager for this coming summer season at the season salary of \$3,500.00 and to hire Tom Watson as the assistant pool manager for this coming summer season at the hourly rate of \$10.00. 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. POOL MANAGER AND ASSISTANT MANAGER
4. The finance committee discussed the information regarding the Early Retirement Incentive program through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. A copy of the Actuarial Analysis of the Potential Effect of IMRF's Early Retirement Incentive Program for the City of Mount Carroll with a potential 1-year window beginning June 1, 2015 was provided to the council by our regional IMRF Field Representative Jon Renner. The committee members voiced their approval to table this matter to the next meeting once they have had more time to review the analysis report. EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to contribute \$200 to the Mount Carroll MAPPING committee. 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. MAPPING PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION
6. Alderman Charles reported the city received the employee health insurance renewal packet. He reported that the local agent, John Bickelhaupt, would be attending the next finance committee meeting on April 14th to discuss the renewal and any other options for the insurance plan. HEALTH INSURANCE
7. Alderman Charles presented the budget worksheet for the Capital Improvements Fund. The revenues were estimated to total \$38,710 and the expenses to set at \$40,000. These would be added to this next year's budget and appropriation ordinance. BUDGET REVIEW
8. Alderman Bergren reported of the State governor's latest public remarks about the state's budget and the other concessions to present if no reduction was made by the legislators to the Local

Government Distributive Fund revenues to the municipalities.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the **JUSTIN DESPAIN** recommendation from Police Chief Cass to hire Mr. Justin DeSpain as a part time police officer to be added to the police department roster. 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 Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the **RAFFLE LICENSE** the raffle license for the (Women of) the First Lutheran Church of Mount Carroll. 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.

Under general audience, Mr. John Swiech, CDC, commented about a **GENERAL AUDIENCE** statement made in the paper recently that the CDC was being subsidized by the City. He presented to the council a report of the CDCs' activities over the last fifteen years since its incorporation. He stated that if there were any questions about the CDC funding and expenses he would encourage those individuals to contact him. He would be glad to provide them with information about the organization.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates reported that there was **CORRESPONDENCE** information about an emergency management meeting at Sauk Valley College on April 17th and information from an area architecture firm. He also noted that a couple of legislators had responded to the mayor's letter and the council's resolution regarding the request to leave the Local Government Distributive Fund distributions as they are now.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the **ADJOURNMENT** meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 14, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector