

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Heather Houzenga 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. Jeff Davis gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the April 14, 2015 regular meeting 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.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2015 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 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$442,261.53 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 22nd historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

COMMITTEES
HPAC

1. Discussion of progress of historic district resurvey project, of the status of the sign ordinance and noted the sale of the Carrollton Inn property.

Alderman Charles reported of the April 28th license & ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles reported that the committee discussed the SIGN ORDINANCE Sign Ordinance. Alderman Bergren stated he felt this was more than what was wanted. He would like to propose a certain geographic area to be included again and change some of the language. Alderman Sisler stated he felt the historic preservation committee should be advisory only in this process. The consensus of the committee was to table this matter and Alderman Bergren was to provide a new draft for consideration for the next meeting. CLERK'S POSITION

2. Discussion of city clerk's position. Alderman Charles noted that the memo from Attorney Kathleen Field Orr's office, consulting attorney in the city attorney's absence, stated that the position would require a referendum question to the city voters. "A resolution providing for the submission to the electors of a referendum of whether the City should appoint rather than elect the City Clerk must be approved not more than one year before or less than 79 days before a regularly scheduled election at which candidates for the City office would be elected. This could be the next consolidated election to be held in April 2017 or April 2019." A draft of a proposed resolution was also provided to the council with this memo. Alderman Charles stated this matter would need to be addressed again next year.
3. Chief Cass reported that he had handled the dog complaint presented at the last meeting.

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

- 1. Superintendent Handel reported the new septic holding tank needed for the park bathrooms had been installed and the bathrooms are all in service.
- 2. Superintendent Handel reported he was scheduling some more sewer line televising.
- 3. The committee discussed the opening date for the swimming pool. To look to set for May 30th weather permitting.
- 4. Superintendent Handel reported that Greg Kloeping would be attending a training session the second week in May.
- 5. Discussed the fire hydrant flushing to be scheduled for this year.
- 6. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge and the latest inspection report from the engineers.

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

- 1. The bills were reviewed and approved. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the Mirror Democrat ads for the Mayfest flyer and promotion at \$150.00 and the high school graduation ad at \$30 to be in the May 2015 bills. 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. MIRROR DEMOCRAT ADS
- 2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfers as follows: INTERFUND TRANSFERS
 - From the sewer fund to the park fund, \$34,000.00
 - From the sewer fund to the cemetery fund, \$25, 000.00
 - From sewer fund to the bond & interest sinking fund, \$21,000.00
 - From sewer fund to cemetery fund, \$13, 429.50
 - From water fund to cemetery fund, \$10,000.00
 Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. The motion was carried.
- 3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the employee health insurance renewal with the plan coverages as provided from the United Healthcare Insurance Co. with no additions or changes (total monthly premium \$5,559.69). Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass Resolution No. R4-2015-6, A Resolution to Proclaim the Results of the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R4-2015-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. RESOLUTION

Mayor Bates read and presented the Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Aldermen Tom Charles from Ward 3 and Bob Sisler from Ward 2. RECOGNITION TO ALDERMEN

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Aldermen OATH OF OFFICE
Jim Rose for Ward 1, Kevin Powers for Ward 2, and Paul Kaczmarski for Ward 3.

Mayor Bates called for a second roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, SECOND ROLL CALL
Aldermen Paul Kaczmarski, present, Jim Rose, present, Kevin Powers, present, Doug Bergren, present,
Mike Risko, present, and Joe Grim, present.

Ms. Heather Houzenga, Mount Carroll Chamber and Art Guild, was in FARMERS MARKET
attendance and addressed the council about the upcoming Farmers EVENTS
Market events this year. They wish to have a 1st Saturday Artisans Market each month that would need
to spread out onto the other side of Market Street or onto the courtyard square. She was asking if she
needed permission from the council for this. The council asked if she would get back with what works
the best from the first event on May 2nd. She also asked for funding again this year for the musicians that
play at each farmers market Saturday through August. Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko
seconded to approve the payment of \$500.00 from the City band fund as last year to fund the farmers
market musicians. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes,
Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authroize the AUDITOR'S LETTER OF
Mayor to sign the 2015 engagement letter with Wipfli, LLP for this ENGAGEMENT
year's auditing services at a fee not to exceed \$18,500.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Powers,
yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Kaczmarski, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion
was carried.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the COMMUNITY AWARDS
mayor to sign the letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation SIGN
requesting a community awards sign for Cameron Ehlers, State Champion, FFA Emerging Ag
Technology. Roll call vote: Aldermen Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Kaczmarski,
yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSES
raffle licenses for the Mount Carroll Fire Department (2 raffle events) and American Legion Post #67.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, here, Kaczmarski, yes, Rose, yes and Powers,
yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 present. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted the inspection report from Willett and Hofmann regarding the Galena Street Bridge.
Alderman Risko reported that the street superintendent would have more information at the next streets
committee meeting on May 12th.

Under general audience, Mr. Len Anderson, commented he was glad GENERAL AUDIENCE
that the council pulled the sign ordinance. Alderman Bergren stated that what was at issue were the
bright digital signs. Ms. Mary Roach, East Lincoln Street, asked about regulations for walking along
street roadway where there are no sidewalks. Mr. John Swiech, CDC, commented about the Blackhawk
Hills meeting and some changes with the county enterprise zone. Alderman Grim and Risko reported of
the MAPPING program progress.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates reported that there was information from Medicom about the new package changes on the cable television system. He also noted the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. there was 31,040 pounds of recycling picked up the month of March 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed the status of the Tautz property deed transfer and the redevelopment agreement with Kunes' Country Auto Group.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Rose seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Kaczmariski, yes, Rose, yes, Powers, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 12, 2015 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector