

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Donald Brown 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.
Pastor Paul Figie gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the July 23, 2013 regular meeting and the August 1, 2013 special 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 August 2013 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 the bank account balances were at \$417,817.14 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 17th historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

COMMITTEES
HPAC

1. Discussed the current status of the Haas building in the downtown, the work on the updated historic district survey, the digital sign ordinance and the marketing flyers.

Alderman Grim reported that there was not a quorum for the August 15th RECREATION recreation board meeting. He reported that the fundraising golf outing brought in \$492 and the total contributed to date towards the pool cover was at \$2,692.00. They would be getting cost estimates sometime soon for a custom made cover.

Alderman Charles reported of the August 13th license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. The committee discussed the final draft of the employee handbook. Alderman Charles noted that when a review has been completed by the city attorney the handbook would be recommended for approval.

Alderman Charles reported of the August 13th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. Alderman Charles presented a spreadsheet with the updated interaccount transfers and loans since May 2012.
2. The bills were reviewed and approved.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation BAND FUND REQUEST to approve the contribution of \$300.00 from the band fund to the Chamber to help with the entertainment costs for the August 31st Brick Street Day activity. 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.

4. Alderman Charles acknowledged the bequest from the Glenn E. BEQUEST Teeter Trust in the amount of \$10,000. The donation is to be used to maintain the City's local parks.
5. Ms. Bev Scheider, regional manager for the AFLAC insurance, AFLAC INSURANCE was in attendance and provided information about the different supplemental insurance plans that are offered to the City employees and officials.

Mr. Jerry Gendreau and Ms. Joanne Haas were in attendance to discuss the Haas property located at the corner of Carroll and CARROLL & MARKET Market Streets. Mr. Gendreau addressed the council to state his intention STREET to purchase this property from the Haas' and that he and his contractor would take over the repair of the west wall of the building as well. He stated he owned buildings in the City of Savanna, had worked to repair several buildings and noted the Savings & Loan building and the building where the Chinese restaurant was located were some of his projects. He stated his partner, Tony, would be completing the repair work. Mayor Bates stated that the city attorney was not here tonight and he would contact him as soon as possible about this matter and how to handle this from here. He stated he felt that if there was an agreement and a letter written to that effect that what the contractor was proposing to do was in compliance with what the architect of Ms. Haas' that the city council could consider this and move forward. Alderman Risko expressed his concern about the responsibility and whether the city now would be starting over again with the new owner starting the process again. Mr. Gendreau stated he would like to see all of the work completed within four months. Alderman Sisler and Alderman Bergren questioned about who would be monitoring the work possibly as a reliable third party. Mayor Bates stated that the council could consider hiring someone other than Ms. Haas' architect such as our consulting engineer or another to monitor the construction once we knew what was going to be done and how. Mayor Bates asked Mr. Gendreau with Ms. Haas to communicate with the architect and he would contact the city attorney.

Alderman Charles reported that Mr. Jim Johnson owner of the property COMMERCIAL STREET located on Commercial Street had cleaned up the mowed the weeds. He asked the council members to look at the site and report back if there was something else to consider.

Alderman Charles reported that he had been in contact with the one BUSHY FLATS resident of the Bushy Flats properties. He was attempting to clean up the outside of the property and hoped to have some help this week. He stated that the dumpster might need to be relocated to the back of the property to get that portion cleaned. He also stated that Mr. Westphal, the resident, had indicated that his roof was leaking. In discussion, Mr. Harold Moore addressed the council. He is the direct adjacent neighbor to the west of the Bushy Flats properties. He stated he felt that it would seem that some of the units in this structure were not habitable. He has seen numerous animals such as raccoons and ground hogs going in and out of the buildings and with that there are certainly other issues. In discussion it was noted that there were more issues to be taken up after the outside of the building was clean of the debris.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the Mt. Carroll Rotary Club. 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.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the HEARING TEST VAN Mt. Carroll Lions Club to set up the hearing test van in front of city hall on August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to noon, blocking off two to three parking spaces and using the city's electricity hook up. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses

and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MUSIC IN THE PARK “Music in the Park” activity at Point Rock Park at the back pavilion on September 7, 2013 from 3-8 p.m. Mr. Ed Leipus was in attendance and addressed the council about the activity. 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.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the PHEASANTS FOREVER contribution of \$100 to the Carroll County Pheasants Forever Chapter #584 scholarship fund. Mr. Jeff Woodside was in attendance and thanked the council for considering this matter again this year. 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 Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass RESOLUTION Resolution No. R08-2013-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO INDUCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Mayor Bates noted this was to start the process to negotiate a possible TIF agreement with the Kunes’ Country Auto Group for their extensive redevelopment project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8-4 Ordinance No. 2013-8-4, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Mayor Bates and Clerk Cuckler noted that this was for the same project in Morrison, IL that was approved a month ago, but the boundaries of the land changed. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-8-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Ms. Jen Miller, of the Mt. Carroll Bowling Center, addressed the council and asked to be able to block off the 200 block of North Main Street for some outside game activities on the August 31st Brick Street Day. The time would be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Police Chief Cass stated he did not have a problem with that along with the other downtown activities on that day. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the request from the Mt. Carroll Bowling Center to block off that street on August 31, 2013. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Mr. Len Anderson noted that the August Car Cruise Night was on August 17th. Alderman Bergren stated he was working with the chief regarding an excessive noise complaint over by the trailer court. Mayor Bates and Alderman Risko reported of the installation of the playground equipment on August 10th by about 60 volunteers.

Mayor Bates noted the correspondence:

1. A thank you letter from the Riverview Center for the use of the park.
2. A copy of the Preservation News published by the Landmarks Preservation Council.
3. A copy of the CDAP Housing Rehabilitation Grant program information from Mr. Steve Haring of MSA.
4. A news release about the Blue Mass to be held in Shannon, IL on September 11, 2013.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the 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 Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the August 27, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector