

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Susan Ostrum 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, Jim Rose, ROLL CALL
present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Sisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes,
Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, 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 2012 as approved by the finance
committee. Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote:
6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$430,547.14 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 15th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC
1. Under new business the committee discussed the next newspaper article regarding historic
buildings, reviewed the recent improvements to the buildings in the downtown, and discussed the
status of some of the empty buildings in the downtown.

Alderman Charles reported of the August 27th license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE
committee meeting:
1. Discussed the new video gaming laws changed by the State. To ask the city attorney to provide
some direction on what the City needed to do to implement the new laws here.
2. Discussed the Joe Haas building located at the corner of Market and Carroll Streets. Mayor Bates
reported that he had talked with Mr. Haas about providing sufficient documentation of the plan
to improve the west wall of the building. What he is to provide would be something we would
give to the city's consulting engineers for review. Alderman Sisler noted he wanted to make sure
the city's engineers would be monitoring the work as well.
3. Noted there was a couch out at the curb on Main Street. Clerk Cuckler to check into disposal.
4. Discussed the walking trail proposed for the downtown.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 27th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Chief Cass provided all with a copy of the monthly July report.
2. Chief Cass reported that the City was not awarded a grant this year to go towards a new squad
car.
3. Chief Cass reported the work on the Crown Victoria squad was not going to cost quite as much
as quoted.

Alderman Rose reported of the August 27th cemetery board meeting CEMETERY
1. Ms. Sheri Traum reported that she contacted the monument company that the Law-Jones Funeral
Home representative had referred her to for work on the older stones at the cemetery.

She stated that the Moore Monument representative met with her and Alderman Bob Sisler at the cemetery and that she would have a proposal back from them to provide to the committee or Council. Alderman Rose noted that he had not been contacted about this meeting.

2. Discussed the clean up and removal of the dead trees at the cemetery.
3. Kenneth and Diane Lego of Ivey Monument were in attendance. Mr. Lego stated that he needed to be approached in the spring of the year in order to schedule work for the City of the older stones.

Alderman Risko reported of the August 27th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. The crew would be doing the paving of the park trails this week.
2. Discussed getting "Solicitors Notice" signs to be posted at the ends of town to let any door to door solicitors know they need to stop at the City Hall for a permit.
3. Discussed some type of movable signs for the downtown area to warn of pedestrians during our activities along the roadways.

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

1. Superintendent Handel reported that they would be installing the pool lift at the swimming pool this fall. He received the report from the pool manager about some of the repairs needed and he would review this. After discussion the committee asked the superintendent to check on some prices for a new cover.
2. Superintendent Handel reported he would be asking the vendor, BIO DISC REPAIRS Siemens, for a site visit to look at the sewer plant bio disc system to consider making the needed repairs in stages. He would report back to the council as soon as he had some more information.
3. To schedule a fall fire hydrant flushing.
4. Ms. Sharon Pepin, Community Planning and Funding Services SURVEYS was in attendance and reported of the status of the CDAP grant low to moderate income surveys that were being conducted over the last couple of months. She stated that at least 50 more surveys were needed to provide a few extra over the 75% needed.

Mayor Bates noted that at the meeting the committee discussed the improvements that are needed at the sewer plant. These surveys are needed in order for the City to apply for any of the CDAP grants that would be out there for planning and improvements.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the payment of \$3,117.16 for past due water bills (waiving an amount of \$144.53 of some penalty amounts) from the landlord of the following properties: 118 N. Clay St., 410 S. College St., 306 S. Jackson St., 115 S. Miller St., 110 E. Ridge St., 318 W. State St., and 112 N. Main St. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, PAST DUE WATER BILLS Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the write off of the past due water bill for the former Carroll Lanes, 206 N. Main Street, in the amount of \$686.38. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. BILL WRITE OFF
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the following interfund transfers to pay back loans: the amount of \$28,000 from INTERFUND TRANSFERS the City General Fund to the City Bond & Interest Sinking Fund (Debt Service Fund); the amount of \$9,000 from the City Bond & Interest Sinking Fund (Debt Service Fund) to the City Forestry Fund; and the amount of \$14,600 from the Bond & Interest Sinking Fund (Debt Service Fund) to the City park Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

5. The committee reviewed the city bank account balance report.
6. The committee discussed the new video gaming laws for the State of IL.
7. The consensus of the council members present was to move the monthly committees meeting night from September 24th to the 17th in city hall starting at 6:00 p.m.
8. Clerk Cuckler reported of the commercial insurance bidding packet.
9. A solid waste committee meeting was scheduled for September 10th at 6:00 p.m. to consider developing a request for proposal to bid for waste hauling services.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported he was seeking proposals for an appraisal of the property located at 113 N. Mill Street. The second owner of the property still has not been served with the notice. He stated that he received an inquiry from a citizen looking into what would be needed to get the property and rehabilitate it. The issue of non payment of 5 years of back taxes amounting in around \$7,000 had made him take a longer look at the matter. He stated he would report back with any new information as this proceeds.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the street solicitation permit application from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for October 6, 2012 to conduct their Candy Day at the highway intersection and the downtown intersection. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mr. Percy Vesperman, Mt. Carroll Lions Club was in attendance and thanked the council.

Mr. Len Anderson, organizer for the Annual Car Cruise Nights, was in attendance and reported of the successful 6th year and noted the schedule for the 2013 year for the summer months. He asked for council approval for continued sponsorship of the events which covers the liability insurance issues and he asked for the financial support of \$800.00 for the DJ services for the four events. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the City's continued sponsorship of the 2012 Car Cruise Night events in the downtown and contributing \$800.00 from the City Band Fund for the DJ entertainment as requested. Roll call vote: Alderman Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes, Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Noted the Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled for September 10th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a request for proposal packet for the collection and disposal of residential solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste.

Under general audience the following residents addressed the council with questions and comments about some recent newspaper articles, commentary and letters to the editor: Mr. Frank Nester, retired Mount Carroll teacher and former Alderman, Mr. Len Anderson, local business owner, Mr. Jeff Woodside, local business owner, and Ms. Nina Cooper, former Alderman. The topics included possible accusations of the misuse or embezzling of city funds, employee payroll issues going back to February 2011, and Mount Carroll's image. Alderman Charles commented that the City was currently in the process of the annual audit. He stated that the firm's representative had interviewed him and that he had told them of the accusations that were here and that he wanted them to look at all of the City's transactions. He stated he was confident that they would come back with a report that all of them were above board. Mr. Percy Vesperman commented that he was concerned about the look of the scaffolding along the north wall of the Kraft Building. This had been there a long time and that did not look good. Alderman Bergren commented that the work on the wall was being done by volunteers.

Mayor Bates reported that Pool Manager Debora Gallentine had provided a POOL MANAGER copy of the annual report for the council and to give the council time to look for someone else she also submitted her resignation. She had been the manager since the summer of 1999. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the purchase of \$50.00 in Mount Carroll Chamber Bucks to be given to Deb Gallentine. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. for July 2012 was that 30,140 pounds of recyclables were picked up from Mount Carroll.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes and Bork, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 11, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector