

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Lou Schau rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL

Alderman Doug Bergren, Chairman for this evening's meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen Tom Charles, present, Jim Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL  
Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Wilzinski gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Bergren, yes, Sisler, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. MINUTES

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2013 as approved by the finance committee with the deletion of the payment of \$113.00 to the Debt Service Fund, the payment of \$270.00 to the Sewer Fund and the payment of \$304.00 to the Water Fund from the TIF account for an old water billing. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Bergren reported the bank account balances were at \$503,574.82 as of today before the accounts payable are paid. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation from the January 12, 2013 meeting as follows: Recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposal from Moring Disposal, Inc. to amend the current contract for waste removal services with a maximum monthly charge of \$7,738 for three years, delete from the current contract the City's dumpster pick up charge of \$133.60 per month for three years, and extend the current contract for two more years with a maximum 3% increase each year which would result in a maximum monthly charge of \$7,971.60 for year 4 and \$8,212.50 for year 5. Alderman Bork commented that the City had an approved contract that was signed and stated that that contract could be negotiated at that time for renewal. She stated she felt this was an increase and that we did not have the foresight to know what costs would be in three years. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried. COMMITTEES  
FINANCE  
WASTE REMOVAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 16<sup>th</sup> historic preservation advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. Discussed proposed remodeling work at the library and heard a report from member Cindy Pingitore regarding the visit from state agency representative Catherine O'Connor.

Alderman Risko reported of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Noted the completed projects: replaced 1 road culvert, trimmed trees, opened graves at the city cemetery, assisted the city water department with the sand filter project, plowed streets, and prepared the 2 dump trucks for sale and obtained the new truck.
2. Discussed current projects

- Alderman Rose reported of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY
1. Alderman Rose presented the cemetery board recommendation GRAVESTONE  
to the council to approve the sponsorship of the one-day gravestone WORKSHOP  
cleaning and repair workshop to be held at the City's Oak Hill Cemetery through the Campbell  
Center training classes on May 11, 2013 at a cost of \$450.00 for up to 15 people. Roll call vote:  
Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. It was noted  
that the street department crew was planning to attend.
  2. Discussion of contact with Moore Monument about work done on the older stones at the cemetery  
this year and work to be completed in the spring.
  3. Discussed the trash receptacles at the cemetery. Needing repairs or replacement.
  4. Discussed the continuing tree trimming projects.

- Alderman Rose reported of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Reviewed the November 2012 activity report submitted by the chief.
  2. Reviewed the latest draft of the police budget presented by the chief. Alderman Sisler asked  
about changing the capital outlay line item expense for the vehicle to a replacement and make  
this a depreciation fund item, and consider setting this up under each of the departments. No  
action was taken by the committee members on that matter. Chief Cass noted that he had set the  
line item for the new vehicle purchase at \$10,000 and would be submitting a grant application  
for up to \$20,000 to help pay for this. Total of police department budget for the upcoming fiscal  
year at \$232,880. Last year's budget total was \$229,600.

- Alderman Charles reported of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE  
committee meeting:
1. Alderman Charles stated he would report more of the employee handbook next month.
  2. Alderman Charles reported that a sign ordinance was being considered and would be proposed in  
the near future.
  3. Discussed a past issue regarding a zoning matter.

- Alderman Charles reported of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved with the removal of \$113.00 payment to the debt service  
fund, the \$270.00 payment to the sewer fund, and \$304.00 payment to the water fund. That was a  
total of \$687.00 removed from the accounts payable. Alderman Bergren noted that TIF monies  
could not be used for payment of old water bills within the TIF district area.
  2. Alderman Charles read an e-mail from Mayor Bates regarding what FORENSIC AUDIT  
was needed as far from the council members in order to pursue a written quote from a firm for a  
forensic audit. Those items are to be presented in writing to the mayor or the finance chair by the  
next city council meeting on February 12, 2013.
  3. Alderman Charles reported there was a request from the American Legion to consider the  
purchase of new flags for use on the City street lights. This proposal will be on the agenda for the  
next meeting.
  4. Alderman Charles reported that there were several items that were suggested by the auditors this  
for more checks and balances. One of those items was to review the bank reconciliations each  
month by the finance committee. They would start doing that. The council needs to consider and  
adopt a capital purchase policy. That will be presented in the near future. He reported they  
recommended a spot check of the City's payroll and that would be done a couple times before  
the end of the fiscal year.

- 5. Alderman Bork asked when a copy of the water billing listing might be available. Clerk Cuckler provided a copy of the accounts receivable for the water billing to date.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that the other defendant for the 113 N. Mill Street had been served with the notices and the the next court date was February 20<sup>th</sup>. He was also soliciting estimates from contractors to bring the property up to code. He reported the next court appearance was set for February 5<sup>th</sup> for the Market Street property. Regarding the Commercial Street property clean up the notice to extend was delivered to the property owner.

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MARKET STREET  
PROPERTIES  
  
COMMERCIAL ST.

Mr. Lou Schau, Mount Carroll CDC, was in attendance and addressed the Council about the CDC past activities and future goals and their meeting dates and time. He reported of several new businesses to be opening downtown and one that re-opened. It was noted that the Budget Travel magazine had a contest for the Coolest Small Town in America and Mount Carroll was still in the last round of voting in the top 15.

CDC UPDATE

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass Resolution No. R1-2013-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES. Water Improvements Project. Amount from the fund \$18,630. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R1-2013-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2013-1

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Resolution No. R1-2013-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES. New Truck Purchase. Amount from the fund \$6,825.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R1-2013-2 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2013-2

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Ms. Nola Charles commented about some of the issues in voting on the internet under the Budget Travel magazine regarding the Coolest Small Towns in America.

CORRESPONDENCE

Under correspondence City Attorney Ronald Coplan commented that he was aware of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) organization. The City of Sterling does have a license agreement with them.

Alderman Bergren noted from the correspondence the notice that was sent to Mr. Johnson extending his Notice to Abate to May 1<sup>st</sup> and noted there was a copy of the Freedom of Information Act requests that the clerk has responded to in the recent past.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Chairman of the meeting, Alderman Bergren, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

These minutes were approved by the Mount Carroll City Council at the February 12, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector