

MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Kruse 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 Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Vince Wilczynski gave the invocation.

Mayor Bates stated there were no minutes presented for approval. MINUTES

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2012 with the exception of item # 498
to Rakowski in the amount of \$150.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Sisler, yes,
Bergren, yes, Rose, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$539,487.34 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

The Council discussed the items on the agenda from the July 23rd COMMITTEES
license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance for this evening's MILL STREET PROPERTY
meeting and reported that he had talked with an attorney representing Ms. Dixie Hovorka, one of
the property owners named on the deed for 113 N. Mill Street. He had asked on behalf of Ms.
Hovorka to be assured that the City would waive a deficiency judgment even if the City was not
able to get all of the funds to pay for the expenses to clean up the property. The consensus of the
council members present was to go with the city attorney's suggestion and say no.
2. Regarding the Joe Haas property located at the corner of W. Market DOWNTOWN BLDG.
Street and N. Carroll Street, the council continued discussion from the night before. Alderman
Bergren commented that he would not have approved the repair as it was presented earlier if he
had known all of the details. He stated he felt this whole wall should be completely repaired.
Mayor Bates reported that the city's consulting engineers had provided an estimate to come up
with a design to repair the wall of this building. That cost was at \$2,200.00. After more
discussion it was the consensus of the council members present that the mayor would contact
Mr. Haas, the property owner, and ask for a meeting with him and the city's consulting engineers
to come up with a resolution with a design or drawing done either by MSA or an engineer of Mr.
Haas choosing that would be approved by the city's consulting engineers that would provide a
permanent fix.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved with the exception of one bill in the amount of \$150.00.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND
to approve the interfund transfer of \$14,600 from the park fund and TRANSFERS
\$9,000 from the forestry fund to the bond & interest sinking fund (debt service fund). Roll call
vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Rose, yes, Bork, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, and Charles, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated that the other business from the finance committee would require a motion as they
were not completed during that meeting earlier.

Mayor Bates also noted at the finance meeting that Clerk Cuckler was not here due to an illness.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the Corporate Resolution with the Savanna Thomson State Bank to add the city treasurer to the signatures. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Rose, yes, Bork, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the letter to the (Wells Fargo) Shareowners Services naming the mayor as the authorized individual to sign documents on behalf of the City. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, no, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the memorial benches to be placed in the downtown area and that there were a couple of downtown enhancement program loans disbursed this month.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the contribution of \$100.00 to the Carroll County Chapter of Pheasants Forever organization to be used towards their scholarship program. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Rose, yes, Charles, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mr. Jeff Woodside thanked the council for their support.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the permit to perform work for construction, operation and maintenance of fiber optic system in Mount Carroll as submitted by Baxter & Woodman on behalf of iFiber (Illinois Fiber Resources Group). Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Rose, yes, Charles, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, no. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes, and 0 absent. The motion was carried. Alderman Sisler commented that he did not like the wording of this as stated on the agenda that was why he voted no.

Mayor Bates reported that Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning Services had contacted him about holding a volunteer training session on August 1st in City Hall at 6:00 p.m. for the low to moderate income surveys that we still need to meet the minimum requirement of 75% participation. No objections to that date or time from the council members present.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the Resolution for the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance for the City of Mount Carroll. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Risko, yes, Bergren, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under general audience Mr. Jeff Woodside expressed his get well wishes to Clerk Julie Cuckler and Happy Birthday wishes to Mr. Mike Nester. Ms. Teri Ebensberger commented that she felt that the letter in the newspaper that Alderman Sisler put in was very upsetting.

Mayor Bates reported under correspondence a letter from the Exchange State Bank of Lanark, IL about lending and leasing options for municipalities.

Mayor Bates reported that he was asking for assistance from the community to have volunteers contact him to work on a committee to consider sites or options for a proposed community center when the opportunity of the William Davis Trust was presented in the future.

Mayor Bates presented a comment referencing a letter put in the newspaper by Alderman Sisler regarding the City's financial statements. He stated the financial statement was an administrative document for the council to review and ask questions and have those questions answered.

Alderman Sisler commented he would like to ask that the chief of police show a copy of the certification receipts from a certain training session.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Bergren, yes, Rose, yes, Charles, yes and Sisler, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 14, 2012 regular meeting with the amendment to page two under the MFT Resolution that Alderman Charles seconded the motion for approval.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector