

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Judson Smith 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 Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Vince Wilczynski of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the May 27, 2014 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 Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2014 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 that the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT at a grand total of \$387,272.65.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee PRESERVATION recommendation to approve the reimbursement of the traveling CONFERENCE expenses to Cindy Pingitore for attending the Preservation Conference in Springfield, IL on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at a total cost of \$342.69 with the mileage amount of \$260 to be reimbursed back to the City by the State. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Discussion of the Clerk's suggestion to inquire to the State SEWER LINING PROJECT Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity office whether any of the City's revolving loan fund could be used as a grant or a loan to help pay for the upcoming sewer lining project. The consensus of the committee was to inquire whether an amount could be used as a loan only.
4. Alderman Risko presented a summary of last year's revenues and expenses and where the cash balances were at the end of the fiscal year. The committee discussed the revenues in the water and sewer funds. To consider a water rate increase at the end of the calendar year based on the cost of living increases.
5. Discussed the committee meeting dates for the summer months.

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that the proposed OLD BUSINESS Redevelopment agreement with Kunes Country Auto Group was being reviewed by their attorneys.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06-1 Ordinance No. 2014-06-1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY. Roll

call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2014-06-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license for the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, abstain, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes.

Mayor Bates asked if any of the council members wished to attend the MAYORS MEETING Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Market Street Commons in Mount Carroll. Alderman Risko and Charles expressed their interest in attending.

The council discussed having the department committee meetings on COMMITTEE MEETINGS the same night as the regular council meetings this summer in order to save some money and have less meeting nights for all involved. Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the change of the department committee meetings as follows: All of the committees, license & ordinance, police, streets, water & sewer, cemetery and finance, will hold the next meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. before council; for the next three months, July, August and September, before the 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting of those months the department committees of streets, cemetery and finance would start at 6:30 p.m.; before the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of those months the department committees of license and ordinance, police, water & sewer and finance would start at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Under general audience Mr. Judson Smith, Lincoln Street, GENERAL AUDIENCE addressed the council about the condition of the pavement of Lincoln Street and commented about the council's procedures. Alderman Charles reported he was contacted about the trimming of tall weeds and grass on City property. Ms. Teri Ebensberger, Broad Street, expressed her appreciation that the matter of the water shut off at her property was taken care of since the last meeting. Mr. Lou Schau, Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation, addressed the council about the CDC activities at the Kraft building and some of the new events around the Farmers Market in the downtown each Saturday morning. Alderman Rose commented about the paving and painting of a parking lot at one of the businesses in town. Alderman Grim reported the City swimming pool had opened. Ms. Cindy Pingitore reported of her attendance to the Preservation Conference in Springfield, IL last week. Mayor Bates reported that the Motor Park north of town was going to hold a national event this coming weekend. Mayor Bates also noted he had been contacted about the proposed animal and dog ordinance being considered by the council.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates reported of the letter of resignation NICK MEEKER he received from Police Officer Nick Meeker to take effect June 23, 2014. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to accept the letter of resignation, with regret, from Police Officer Nick Meeker. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Moring Disposal, Inc. indicating that 31,380 pounds of recycling were picked up during the month of May.

Mayor Bates stated that he would like to have on the agenda for the next meeting to have the council consider a contribution to the fireworks and an update of the sewer lining project.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 24, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector