

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Haring 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.
Aldermen Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Kurt Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the May 22, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes,
Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2012. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose,
yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The
motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$377,617.15 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the financial report as
presented. 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.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 11th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE
1. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation AUDIT FIRM
to hire the CPA firm, WIPFLi, LLP of Sterling, IL to conduct the annual audit for the city at a cost
not to exceed \$17,500 for a one year engagement. 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.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 12th finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to INTERFUND
authorize the interfund transfer of \$1,500.00 from the general fund to the TRANSFER
debt service fund to pay back what was loaned to meet the June 1st payroll. 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
3. Discussed the brick street project scheduled for next week in the 400 block of South Main Street.
The Americorps volunteers will be here to help with the project Wednesday through Friday.
4. Mayor Bates reported the estimate to have the county do the seal coat of Benton Street this year
was at \$10,900.
5. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to NEW HIRE
hire Cynthia Wiersema to the position of city treasurer and deputy city clerk at the starting salary
of \$11.14. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, no,
and Risko, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the RAFFLE LICENSE
raffle license application submitted by the Mount Carroll Fire Department. 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.

Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and presented the report from Senior Structural Engineer Todd Birkel, S.E. of the building located at the intersection of Market and Carroll Streets, also know by the addresses of 124 West Market Street and 309 N. Carroll Street. The summary ending of his report read as follows: "The western wall is weakened by mortar joint deterioration, wythe shifting, and lack of an effective connection to the second level. The movement of the wall creates a dangerous and unsafe condition, because the building could collapse. I suggest temporarily closing the sidewalk adjacent to the western wall, and installing temporary shoring such as diagonal braces extending from the mid-height of the wall to the edge of the curb/sidewalk to strengthen the wall until a permanent solution can be implemented. The current owner of the building should be given an opportunity to restore the condition and stability of the wall in a timely manner. I suggest the City establish reasonable expectations regarding communications such as bi-weekly progress letters, and scheduling such as complete renovation by October 31, 2012. The City should work with their attorney to pursue other legal avenues, if the owner is unable or unwilling to meet your expectations."

Mayor Bates stated he would like to recommend that the area of the sidewalk adjacent to the building on this west side would be closed off immediately and the two parking spaces along there as well. No objections were presented by the council members present. Mayor Bates asked Mr. Joe Haas, owner of the building, if he had any comments? Mr. Haas reported that he had contacted a contractor, Gary Harris, recommended by his insurance agency, to come and look at the building very soon. Alderman Sisler asked if Mr. Haas was intending to repair the building. Mr. Haas did state yes. Mayor Bates asked Mr. Haas to please have a status report for the council in a couple of weeks. Ms. Char Berhens, owner of the building located at 118 W. Market Street next to Mr. Haas' building, was in attendance and asked if she could have a copy of the report submitted by the engineer. Mayor Bates stated that it would be provided to her after the meeting.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of the West Carroll Community School District regarding a reciprocal reporting system between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that the school agencies had some mandatory reporting requirements set by statute and this one was not so peculiar and this was a standard stock agreement. He knew of several other communities that have approved this agreement with the school districts in their area, and the school districts would like this agreement on file. After some discussion Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Board of Education of the West Carroll Community School District. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, Bork, no, and Charles, yes. Vote: 3 yeases and 3 noes. Mayor Bates noted the tie vote and voted yes to the motion. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the \$5,000.00 contribution to the Mount Carroll Lions Club for the new park equipment for the City Point Rock Park. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 5 yeases and 1 no. the motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved to table the annual appointments as presented by Mayor Bates citing a section from the city code regarding the annual appointments until there was a complete list. Motion seconded by Alderman Sisler. 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.

The council discussed the letter received from Ms. Peggy Kolb, 207 N. Mill Street, regarding the condition of the property next door to her at 113 N. Mill Street. Photos of the property were provided and Ms. Kolb asked about what could be done as the condition of the house and property was deteriorating very severely. The council members present asked the City Attorney Ronald Coplan to pursue a title search of the property to determine the owner or owners that would need to be contacted. Then report back with that status to see what steps could or should be taken to correct the problems. MILL STREET
PROPERTY

Under general audience Mr. Len Anderson addressed the council and reported he had collected \$650 to go towards the City's K-9 Fund and had paid out \$250 in expenses and presented another \$400 to the City. He noted the first Car Cruise night this year would be held on June 16th. Alderman Sisler discussed water bill collections. Mayor Bates reported he received a memo from Ms. Sharon Pepin regarding the income survey results. As of today there had been about a 53% response rate of those that had been sent out. Alderman Sisler stated he provided a copy of a FACT sheet from the Department of Labor of a section from the Fair Labor Standards Act regarding definitions for exempt status employees. Mayor Bates noted there was a letter from Chief Cass for the police committee to consider at their next meeting. Mayor Bates noted the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. The recycling picked up in May 2012 totaled 36,480 pounds.

Alderman Charles 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 8:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the June 26, 2012 regular meeting by the Mount Carroll City Council.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector