

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Robert Sievert 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 Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Paul Figie, Church on the Hill, gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the February 26, 2013 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 Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2013 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances were at \$365,700.57 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Charles reported of the March 12th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFER to authorize the interfund transfer of \$9,675.00 from the City general fund to the City park fund to pay back the loan used to purchase the new truck. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Charles he wanted to have the finance committee consider a salary increase for the part time police officers. He would be presented that information at the next meeting. This salary had not been increased for over three years.
4. Alderman Risko presented the proposed budget revenues for the BUDGET REVIEW general fund and expenses for the administration and community house departments of the City general fund. Total revenues proposed at \$599,295, and expenses for the administration department at \$103,950, and expenses for the community house department at \$6,700.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported the council 113 N MILL STREET could now advertise for bids for the demolition of the buildings at the 113 N. Mill Street property. The court order was approved to repair to code or demolish. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Rose seconded to authorize to advertise for bids to demolish the buildings at the 113 N. Mill Street property. Alderman Sisler asked if the City owned this yet. City Attorney Coplan stated no, not yet, but it was in the process and would be done before the council would be approving any further action. 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.

Mayor Bates reported he had talked with Mrs. Haas about the Market Street building. They have contacted another architect to look at the building to develop the plans for the west wall rehabilitation. He stated she had noted that they were starting the process to vacate the residents from the building. MARKET STREET BLDG.

Mr. Troy Tucker, downtown restaurant business owner, was in attendance and addressed the council about seeking permission for a proposed block party event on June 29th in the 100 block of West Market Street. He and Nino Novakovic, another business owner in the same block of downtown, have made contact with other business owners in the downtown and other residents and would like to organize a food and music event along this block for the whole day and until midnight that night. They would ask to have the block gated at each end as they would plan to also serve alcohol. The other businesses could have outside booths along the sidewalk and there would be entertainment all during this time. The council members present voiced their approval to the date for the event and possible street closure once the liability and dram shop insurance issues were addressed. Mr. Tucker thanked the council and stated he would be coming back with more information. MARKET STREET BLOCK FEST

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-3-6, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Mayor Bates noted this ordinance from the enterprise zone was to amend an addition proposed for the Sterling, IL Menard's building and to change the intergovernmental agreement due to a change in the fees that may be collected to support the program. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-3-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO. 2013-3-6

Discussed the class action settlement claim filed against the Ford motor company regarding the engine repairs needed on the purchased or leased model year 2003-2007 non-ambulance Ford vehicle in the United States equipped with a 6.0-liter PowerStroke diesel engine. The City does have one of these vehicles. If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, Ford will provide Class Members a means of obtaining reimbursement for certain engine-related repair costs and deductibles. All persons (or entities) who agree to accept these benefits will be barred from pursuing individual lawsuits against Ford and others based on the 6-0-liter engines in these vehicles. The council members present voiced their approval to take the "Do Nothing" option described as follows: "No action is required if you wish to participate in the proposed Settlement; if you wish to seek reimbursement you will need to submit a claim form and supporting information if the Settlement is approved." FORD LAWSUIT

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Charles seconded to accept, with regret, Police Officer Jim Burch's letter of resignation to retire. Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. JIM BURCH RESIGNATION

Under general audience the following presented comments to the council, Mr. Jeff Woodside, Mr. Ronald Brashaw, Mr. Dan Kruse, Mr. Joe Grim, and Frank Nester. Mr. Woodside reported of the Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce election candidate's night on March 21st at the Market Street Commons building at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nester posed the following question to one of the council member candidates in attendance: "Do you think a forensic audit is necessary at this cost (\$20,000 to \$50,000) to the City?" GENERAL AUDIENCE

Mr. Joe Grim running for the position of Alderman in Ward 2 was in attendance and stated he did not feel this was necessary. Mr. Brashaw asked the question whether there were any rules or laws that would allow a mayor or council the power to fire all of the city employees. Comments followed regarding the state's "At Will" regulations and some of the issues being addressed in the proposed employee handbook. Mr. Dan Kruse provided information to the council to be considered to add to the City's employee handbook.

Mayor Bates reported that he and Alderman Rose met with Ms. Michelle Miller today, a representative for the Northern Illinois Council for Independent Living.

Mayor Bates reported of the recycling report from Moring Disposal, Inc. They picked up 20,120 pounds of recyclables in Mount Carroll during the month of February 2013.

Alderman Bork 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 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 26, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector