

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Greg Kloeping 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 Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John McConnel gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the March 12, 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 \$372,622.32 FINANCIAL REPORT  
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Risko reported of the March 21<sup>st</sup> recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES  
RECREATION  
1. Alderman Risko presented the recommendation from the recreation HIRING STAFF  
board to hire the following as assistant managers: Rebecca Fritz and Ryan Kerr with Avery Handel as a  
substitute when needed, and as lifeguards: Amorette Merboth, Drew Kaczmarski, Tiffany Morhardt,  
Thomas Watson, Paige Fosdick, Maria Timm, Cassidy Rice, Marshal Benters, Shawn Magill, and  
Devon Handel. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to hire the swimming pool staff  
for this summer season as recommended by the recreation board. 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.  
2. The board discussed reviewing the pool rules and would schedule the next meeting to be held at the  
swimming pool.

Alderman Risko reported of the March 25<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS  
1. Discussed the completed projects and noted the following current projects: Doing more tree  
trimming, equipment maintenance, will place the additional trash barrels at the cemetery and  
paint some of the others when the ground thaws, to install the dead end sign on BJ's street when  
the ground thaws, to start the street sweeping when weather permits, and preparing for the spring  
clean up at the City cemetery. Street repair projects: for the 400 feet of East Benton Street, the  
estimate from Law's Excavating to tear out the pavement and level for seal coating was at  
\$8,000, the cost of the road rock from the quarry was at \$5,000, and the estimate for the seal  
coating was pending. As well, Superintendent Dauphin was checking into an estimate to seal  
coat East Commercial Street.  
Sidewalk projects: Need to check estimates for the Carroll Street project. The sidewalk and  
retaining wall at the north end of the 300 block of North Main Street was checked and this was  
cracking and leaning towards stairs to basement of Market Street Commons building. There

were two proposals for engineering work needed for this project. MSA of Galena, IL at \$3,000 and Wendler Engineering Firm of Dixon, IL at \$2,000. Cost estimates of the project were around \$15,000 to replace the 30 feet of sidewalk and wall. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to hire Wendler Engineering to conduct the engineering services needed to complete the North Main Street sidewalk project. 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 Bergren reported of the March 25<sup>th</sup> water and sewer committee meeting: WATER AND SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported that it was time to order the bio disc media replacement materials for the sewer plant. Cost \$48,000 from Siemens. Committee members noted that this had been approved to purchase. He also noted that they were working with Abbott Plastics of Rockford, IL to fabricate some of the parts needed. Would have an estimate of those costs at a future meeting.
2. Superintendent Handel reported the crew would be installing the pool lift sometime in April. He reported that the costs for a new vacuum ranged from \$1,700 to \$4,000. Alderman Risko noted that the Mount Carroll Rotary Club might be able to secure a grant for up to \$3,000 to the City for a new vacuum at the pool or a cover. No estimates were available at this time for the cover and reel placement device. To have the recreation board review these matters and report back to the council.

Alderman Rose reported of the March 25<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Police Chief Cass provided a monthly report for February.
2. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation To consider Nick Meeker, police officer in training, as the replacement for Police Officer Burch's position with the starting date of April 29, 2013. 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. Chief Cass reported that he had delivered the Notice to Abate to the resident on North Jefferson Street on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. A copy of the notice was provided to the council members.

Alderman Charles reported of the March 25<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussed the letter of nuisance complaints submitted by Neil Randecker of East Benton Street regarding the Law's Excavating property. Mayor Bates reported that a copy of the letter had been provided to Mr. Reid Law and that Mr. Law stated that they would be responsive to the matters presented. The garbage items in the dumpster and outside of the dumpster on the property would be picked up this week. Noted that Alderman Sisler had contacted Moring Disposal, Inc. about a couple of dumpsters not being picked up. Clerk Cuckler reported that Moring Disposal, Inc. had scheduled the bulky waste pick up for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Sisler noted during the council session that Moring Disposal, Inc. had picked up the garbage from the noted dumpsters during today's scheduled pick up day.
2. Alderman Charles reported that the City employees had received a copy of the proposed employee handbook for their review. He stated he would be meeting with the departments in the near future to hear their input.

Alderman Charles reported of the March 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Alderman Charles presented an updated interfund transfer report.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to increase the part time police officer wage to \$14.78 per hour. 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. PART TIME POLICE OFFICER'S WAGES
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve a salary increase of \$1.25 to be added to Greg Kloepping's hourly salary. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. GREG KLOEPPING SALARY
5. Alderman Charles reported he had been contacted by a representative from the Sikich firm of Rockford, IL regarding the forensic audit request for proposal. They would need more specific information to present a proposal.
6. Alderman Charles reported that the employee health insurance renewal for the same coverage would be almost 35% more for this next year. Mr. Bickelhaupt of the Country Mutual company was looking at some other options and would like to get the employees to fill out applications to look at another firm and he would present that information and some other options to the finance committee at their next meeting. HEALTH INSURANCE
7. Alderman Risko presented the proposed budget for the expenses for the street department of the City general fund. Total of these expenses at \$322,150. Proposing to consider hiring some summer help this year and those expenses would be split between the street, park and cemetery departments. Before final budget set to determine what might be needed to demolish the Mill Street property buildings. BUDGET REVIEW
8. Alderman Sisler provided some information from a newspaper article about road improvement cost estimates.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and noted that deed for the 113 N. Mill Street property was still not in hand. 113 N MILL STREET

Mrs. JoAnne Haas and her insurance representative were in attendance for this evening's meeting. She discussed with the council some of action taken so far regarding the Market Street building. MARKET STREET BLDG.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to grant the street solicitation permit to the Mount Carroll Lions Club for May 4, 2013 at the highway and downtown intersections in town. 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. STREET SOLICITATION

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-3-7, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Mayor Bates noted that Mr. and Mrs. James "Henry" Meador had purchased the old Shimer College theater building to have a new restaurant. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-3-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO. 2013-3-7

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2013-3-8, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY (d/b/a NICOR GAS COMPANY) ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND THROUGH THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS. In discussion it was noted and by consensus of the council members present to ask that Nicor Gas provide some assurance that all repairs needing to be compensated back to the City would be paid in a timely manner, but would not exceed more than 60 days from time of invoicing. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-3-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO.  
2013-3-8

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the request to conduct a youth baseball clinic sponsored by Chevy at the City Point Rock Park on June 9, 2013. 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.

PARK YOUTH PROGRAM

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the request submitted by Ms. Rebecca Lenz to place a memorial bench, recognizing her late husband, Mike, at the City Point Rock Park. 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.

PARK MEMORIAL

#### GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience the following presented comments to the council, Mr. Joe Kramer, Alderman Risko, Alderman Sisler, and Alderman Bork. Mr. Kramer asked about City garbage service. Mayor Bates noted Mr. Kramer lived outside the corporate limits, there might be some services he could get from the companies that come into town. Alderman Risko reported of the grave stone restoration workshop to be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Participants need to sign up now. Alderman Sisler reported of a stone at the cemetery that was dislodged from its base he believed when the contractors were doing the tree trimming at the cemetery.

#### MEETING DATE

Alderman Bork asked the council to consider changing the next council meeting date. (The date was the Consolidated Election Day) Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Bork seconded to change the next regular meeting date from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, no, Rose, no, Sisler, yes, Bergren, no, Risko, no, and Bork, yes. Vote: 2 yeses and 4 noes. The motion was denied.

Mayor Bates reported of several letters. One regarding the Chamber after hours in Savanna at the Township Airport, the report of the City's Walgreen's stock, and a request from the Carroll County Fair Board for financial support.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes and Charles. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 9, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector