

MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Pepin 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 Grim led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Paul Figie gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the May 13, 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 Bergren 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 \$358,809.68.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 27th streets committee meeting: COMMITTEES
STREETS

1. The crew has had a busy month: maintaining equipment, assisted Jonathan Appell at the City cemetery doing gravestone repair, the summer hire crew have been mowing and trimming at the cemetery, the downtown streets and major intersections were cleaned and painted, repairing collapsed storm drains, planted 11 new trees, maintaining equipment at the park, assembling a list of damaged street signs.
2. Alderman Risko noted a recent letter to the editor about a stop sign location at the intersection of South Jackson and East Benton Streets.
3. Alderman Risko noted that the other project to be completed soon was to clear out the debris from the ford structure at Point Rock Park.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported he was completing a sign inventory so the City could replace the signs that would meet the new Federal regulations. The county has provided information about a grant program that would help fund the sign replacements.

Alderman Risko reported of the May 27th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussed the gravestone repair done by Jon Appell. Straightened and cleaned around 54 stones over a week's time period while he was conducting the Campbell Center cemetery maintenance class and the other three days with the City crew.
2. Mayor Bates reported that a local master gardener had volunteered to spruce up the garden area at the front gates area of the City cemetery.
3. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the hazardous trees in the cemetery were being trimmed or removed today.

Alderman Rose reported of the May 27th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. The monthly report was provided by the chief.
2. Chief Cass reported that the one radio in the Crown Vic squad car had stopped working. A new radio would need to be installed.

3. Discussed the Mayfest campus security over this last weekend. Some were volunteers and some were contracted.
4. Discussed the tagging and ticketing of abandoned vehicles.
5. Noted that some verbal and written warnings have been sent out about mowing.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 27th water and sewer committee meeting:

1. Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, Inc. was in attendance and reported that Nick Wagner was in touch with the City water and sewer superintendent to put together some cost estimates for the sewer lining project. He would then want a meeting with the committee or the council to go over the information. WATER & SEWER

Alderman Charles reported of the May 27th license and ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles asked the committee's input regarding the draft ordinance amendments to Section 5-1 (Police Regulations, Chapter 1 Animals) and 5-2 (Police Regulations, Chapter 2 Dogs). Alderman Grim provided a summary of the proposed changes. Consensus to amend section 5-1-11 to start the penalty at \$50.00 instead of \$25.00. Discussed possible additions under section 5-2-3: Animal Bites: Question whether a subsection was needed for instances when there are reports of dog bites upon family or friends on private property by that property owner's dog. Consider how to clarify this item. Once a final draft is completed to provide a copy to the city attorney for his review.

Alderman Charles reported of the May 27th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles reported that the finance committee would be reviewing the interfund loans to the debt service fund at the first meeting in July. INTERFUND LOANS
3. Alderman Charles reported that there was a shortfall in the general fund for payroll. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$7,000 from the cemetery fund to the general fund to be considered a loan. 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. INTERFUND TRANSFER
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution of \$300 from the band fund to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church to go towards the entertainment for the June 22nd ice cream social in the downtown area. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ICE CREAM SOCIAL
5. Discussed the proposed redevelopment agreement with Kunes Country Auto Group. Will have more information at the next meeting.
6. Ms. Cindy Pingitore, chair of the Mt. Carroll Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, was in attendance and asked if the council would consider reimbursing her for lodging expense as she was planning to attend the historic preservation conference in Springfield, IL on June 3rd. The finance committee members in attendance voiced their approval to have this matter on the agenda for the next meeting for final approval, and noted that they were not opposed to this. PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Under old business Mayor Bates reported that Mr. Robert Boyd was contacted about the status of his building on Market Street that had been partially repaired. He needed to provide more information from the contractor about how it was repaired, how they determine it was stable, and when it would be completed with the brick. OLD BUSINESS

The council members present voiced their approval to table the ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5-1 Ordinance No. 2014-5-1, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND OLD MARKET STREET, LLC. Mayor Bates reported that Jill Bess, the owner, still had some questions about the agreement and needed more time for her attorney to review the document.

Under general audience Ms. Teri Ebensberger, 502 S. Miller Street, asked about having someone tend to the water shut off box on her property that was sticking out of the ground several inches. The water dept. would be given this information. Mayor Bates commented that he was contacted by Darrell Floming, E. Broad Street, about changing his ditch area along Benton Street. To get a message to the street department to get in contact with Mr. Floming. Mr. Judson Smith, East Lincoln Street, commented about the priorities for street improvements, cemetery maintenance and sidewalks.

Under correspondence, Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Jo Carroll Energy regarding the policy to install LED bulbs in the street lighting when new bulbs are needed.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

