

MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Mary Boelkens 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 Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Elizabeth Mascal, Mount Carroll Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the April 24, 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 Bork moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to confirm the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable for April 30, 2012 (the expenditures for last year's budget) and to
approve the payment of the bills payable for this month pending the receipt of the sales taxes
(distribution) from the State of Illinois. Mayor Bates noted that this was the recommendation from the
finance committee from their meeting earlier this evening, as well. 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 \$354,538.81 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 Bergren reported of the April 18th historic preservation COMMITTEES
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. The committee discussed some recent inquiries and some ideas for newspaper articles.

Alderman Charles reported of the May 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved and the committee's recommendations were handled earlier in this meeting's business.
2. Discussed the budget and the draft of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. To have the Ordinance on the agenda for the next city council meeting.
3. Discussed the bidding for the auditing services for this year.
4. Reviewed some more sections of the Employee Handbook.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 25, 2012 recreation board meeting. RECREATION BOARD
The board members discussed changing the lessons fees from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per person and having
some changes with the swimming hours to add an adult swim time on the weekend days. Discussed what
fees should be authorized by the city council.

Pastor Elizabeth Mascal representing the Great River Outreach organization AMERICORPS
was in attendance and asked the council to consider a project for a group of Americorps volunteers that
are to be in the county this summer. There are several projects on their list to do around the Savanna and
Thomson area. The volunteers insurance and worker's compensation would not fall to the City and the
organization would provide lunch to the workers as well as supervision. Mayor Bates stated the project

he would like to recommend was an improvement to the brick street in the 400 block of South Main Street. The project would be scheduled for the 3rd week in June. Aldermen Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve having the Americorps volunteers assist us in this proposed brick street roadway improvement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the request DARLENE READY from the Darlene Ready family to install a memorial park bench and plant a tree MEMORIAL at Point Rock Park. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried. The memorial is to honor Darlene's many hours of community service to beautifying the park and acknowledge her love of the park.

The following discussion was presented under general audience. Mr. Dan Kruse, S. Clay Street, provided some information to the council about taser equipment use and a sample policy. Alderman Charles asked about scheduling an open house or ribbon cutting to recognize the remodeling work done at the Community House. Discussed the need to improve the outside access ramp. Pastor Mascal reported of the Mt. Carroll Ministerial Association's Community Service Day scheduled for August 4th. Discussed the mowing of the vacant and mostly abandoned properties in town. Alderman Bergren stated that he and Alderman Charles were considering an additional survey to be included with the other income survey that would be going out to the residents. The questions would be about internet service. To have more information at the next meeting. Alderman Risko reported he had contacted an emergency siren company and they would be setting up a time in the future to conduct an assessment of the town before presenting a proposal. Mr. Jim Sobel, South Mill Street, asked about some roadway repairs on Mill Street.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 22, 2012 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector