

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Kruse 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.  
Alderman Risko led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Ralph Eads gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the September 11, 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 Charles seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2012 as approved by the  
finance committee. 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 \$504,229.68 as FINANCIAL REPORT  
of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES  
committee meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup>: HPAC

1. The committee discussed the status of the Haas building and the reconstruction of the west wall  
and discussed the upcoming public meeting regarding the Mount Carroll post office building.

Alderman Bork, Alderman Charles, Alderman Rose, and Alderman Risko reported of the September  
17<sup>th</sup> solid waste, license and ordinance, cemetery and streets committees meeting. The copy of the  
minutes of the evening's meeting are attached with these minutes and included into the record. The  
action from the meeting is as follows:

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Risko seconded to accept the CEMETERY STONE  
proposal from Moore Monument of Sterling, IL to repair the older stones REPAIRS  
at the City cemetery at the cost of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko,  
yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, no. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the TRUCK PURCHASE  
purchase of the 2000 GMC Sonoma truck from Mr. Louis Winston at the cost of \$600.00. 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. It was noted this truck would be used for parts to repair the City's S-10  
pick up truck.

Alderman Sisler stated he wanted mentioned that it was not in the minutes of the committees that he  
reported of a hole at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Lowden Road.

Alderman Charles reported of the September 25<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE  
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. The committee with the solid waste committee members reviewed the request for proposal document for waste hauling services. Alderman Sisler reported RFP FOR WASTE HAULING SERVICE that he contacted the county about the revenue they receive from Moring Disposal. It is based on a fee for having the transfer station in the county. Alderman Sisler stated that he wished to have something in the proposal that would provide an amount back or a rebate from the contractor based on their pick up of the recyclable materials. The committee members to propose the language to go into the proposal by the next meeting.
3. Alderman Charles reported of meeting with Street Superintendent Dauphin to look at the Mount Carroll Township dump truck that they will be selling. To get more information about the vehicle and will report back at a future meeting.
4. The committee discussed the new Cemetery Oversight Act and the CEMETERY City's registration to the Department of Professional Regulation. REGISTRATION The \$150.00 registration fee was in the accounts payable for approval this evening.
5. Clerk Cuckler reported that the city hall copy machine was now ten years old and the company providing the maintenance contract has stated they would no longer cover this equipment. The committee voiced their approval to have a representative from SBM Business Machines of Sterling, IL at the next finance committee meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> to hear about an option for a new copy machine.

City Attorney Ronal Coplan reported he was waiting on the appraisal of MILL ST. & MARKET ST. the 113 N. Mill Street property and the council discussed the future actions to consider if the owner of the Market Street property did not submit a plan to improve the west wall of that building.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the façade work CDC UPDATE was progressing, the board was working on an agreement with downtown property owners for the placement of the memorial benches, noted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Art Guild Art Walk in the downtown, noted the Coolest Small Town Contest on the Budget Travel magazine on the internet, and questioned the status of the CDAP income surveys returns.

Mayor Bates noted that Sharon Pepin had provided an update regarding the survey results and we needed about another 15 to make a 77% return. The door to door work was soon to be completed.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2012-9-4, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2012-9-4 AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

It was noted the projects to be added to the enterprise zone were in Sterling, IL.

Under general audience the following residents addressed the council with comments about the latest Cruise Night activity, the gaming ordinance adopted by the council at the last meeting, and the proposed ordinance amendment from the license & ordinance committee meeting regarding the children's recreational structures: Mr. Len Anderson, business owner, Mr. Dan Kruse, and Alderman Bob Sisler.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to go into executive session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting into executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 8:17 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The council members present discussed the report about the Walgreen's stock received this month. Mayor Bates reported he was looking to schedule a meeting with the proposed Davis Trust Committee members on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Risko reported of the Red, White and You meeting held at Sauk Valley College on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Sisler moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Rose, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 9, 2012 regular meeting. The following two pages attached and a part of the record.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector

NAME OF COMMITTEE Solid Waste & License & Ordinance, Cemetery and Streets

PLACE OF MEETING City Hall

DATE OF MEETING September 17, 2012

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT Mayor Bates, Aldermen Sisler, Bork, Charles, and Risko, Cemetery Board Member Sheri Traum and Street Supt. Eric Dauphin

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED, RECOMMENDATIONS OR DECISIONS:

##### SOLID WASTE

1. The committee discussed the draft of the Request for Proposal to be considered when bidding for waste pick up for the City's residential customers. Questioned whether something else was to be noted that dumpster pick ups in the residential area could not be before a certain hour of the morning. (It is noted on page 4 that the collection is not supposed to begin prior to 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick up) Alderman Sisler stated he had contacted the county treasurer about the revenue they collect from Moring Disposal, Inc. She is to get back to him with the information about what that is based upon. He stated he would like to have the companies quote on providing something back to the City for the collection of recyclable materials. To discuss this at the next finance committee meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. To then have the final draft of the RFP ready for publication.

##### LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Charles reported of the nuisance complaint of tall weeds and grass at 102 W. Madison Street. To contact the city crew to mow this again and lien for the services. Clerk Cuckler noted that there were other liens on the property and she received notification that there was an individual seeking to get the title of this property.
2. Alderman Charles reported that he had been contacted about an issue regarding the placement of a playhouse on a property. They were asked to get a building permit. Alderman Charles provided an amendment or suggestion for a way to handle the permit for these structures without a fee. The copy of this attached to the minutes. To ask the city attorney and the zoning officers for their opinion on this matter.
3. Discussed the status of the clean up at the Bushy Flats properties.
4. Noted the wheel rim placed on the Clay Street bridge sidewalk with a "For Sale" sign. Someone to contact the police to determine the owner and have this removed.
5. Discussed the property issues being addressed: the Bushy Flats, the property at 113 N. Mill Street, the property at the corner of Carroll and Market Streets. Alderman Bork asked to consider more of the properties on her nuisance listing. To consider having letters sent.
6. Noted the pedestrian signs and the no solicitors without permit signs have been ordered and received.

##### CEMETERY

1. Member Sheri Traum reported of talking with Sharon Welton of Campbell Center about the repairs they have done to the stones during the last couple of years of the restoration class they have provided. She also sent to her an e-mail with photos of this year's work. Also she stated that

a City employee would be able to attend the next session next year through the Center, and Ms. Traum noted that they had given her information about a cleaner that could be used on the older

stones.

2. The committee reviewed the quote of \$3,000 to repair the older stones at the cemetery submitted by Moore Monument of Sterling, IL. Mr. Haan from the company stated in his quote that if the City approved the whole job that they would do an additional \$500 worth of restoration work at no extra cost. The committee recommendation was to approve the proposal submitted by Mr. Darren Haan from Moore Monument of Sterling, IL at the cost of \$3,000.
3. Superintendent Dauphin stated that there were two stones that had fallen from the base completely. Alderman Sisler asked Mr. Dauphin to talk with the monument company when they came in to do the work this fall. Maybe these could be repaired as well with the city crew's help.
4. It was noted that quotes would be requested in the spring for next year's restoration work.
5. The committee reviewed the notice from the attorneys for the Thomas Campbell estate. Another disbursement was to be presented to the City. To ask the city attorney about how that disbursement could be used.

#### STREETS

1. Discussed a downtown district alley. To check on the ownership of this. It was the consensus that this was a private alleyway. It is in need of repair.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported that they were working on sidewalks.
3. Mayor Bates stated he was approached about widening the intersection in the Frey Addition at the intersection of Sunny and Dewhurst Streets. This was discussed before. The one property owner at that intersection stated he was opposed to any change. There would need to be some work and a new tube placed there to widen the pavement. How much traffic? To look at this matter again but no action was presented.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the Mount Carroll Township road commissioner had contacted him that they would be selling their 2007 International dump truck. They were hoping to be able to get \$40,000. The committee asked Superintendent Dauphin to check into the Blue Book price for this item and have him take a look at the vehicle to see what kind of shape it was in.
5. Mayor Bates reported he had seen an older truck for sale that might work for a box to put on the City's S-10 pick up. He stated he would contact Konrad Sack of Northwest Body to have him check if this would work for the City. The cost was about \$800.
6. The committee members present approved the purchase of a new office chair for the public works department at the cost of \$60.00.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Clerk Cuckler