

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Bob Hatheway 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 Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Bob Hatheway gave the invocation.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the MAPPING PROGRAM presentation about the MAPPING the Future of Your Community Program that was created by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs located at the Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Ms. Gisele Hamm, Program Manager, was in attendance and explained how the program was handled and facilitated by their organization in a community. They work with a steering committee from the community to bring together from 30 to 60 community members that would meet for five three-hour sessions to identify high-priority goals for community & economic development, develop a workable action plan and become organized to begin the implementation of projects. The cost of the program based on the formula for the City's population would be \$2,657.08. Ms. Hamm stated that since the City of Mount Carroll had conducted the Competitive Community Initiative program several years ago this program would be like re-visiting the MAPPING Program as they have done with some communities. She stated they would offer this program at a discounted cost of \$1,000.00. Mayor Bates stated that he asked for this presentation for the council because he had been approached by Ms. Sherry Morel that there was a few individuals in town that were interested in seeing Mount Carroll go through this. Ms. Elizabeth McMillin, Mount Carroll, stated she would be interested and would help. Mayor John Huggins, Lanark, stated that his community went through the program, he would recommend it, and they were considering a Peace Corps Fellow to work with the community. Ms. Sherry Morel, rural Mount Carroll, was in attendance and stated she and some others had seen what was done in Lanark, IL and with some of the new people in town maybe this would help improve communication within the town. Ms. Hamm stated if this was to move forward they would be looking at a spring schedule. Mayor Bates stated he would like to have this on the agenda for the next meeting to have the council consider what type of support could be offered by the City.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the November 25, 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 Grim seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2014 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT were at a grand total of \$533,777.80.

Alderman Charles reported of the December 9<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. Alderman Charles reported that the bids were opened for INSURANCE BIDS the commercial insurance coverage for general liability, property and casualty, automobile and worker's compensation. The bid totals were Assurance Agency, Schaumburg, IL and current carrier - \$52, 650; Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) - \$48,595; and Broadmoor Agency, Rockford, IL - \$35,837. Representatives were here from the IMLRMA and the Broadmoor Agency to provide information about differences with the coverage and services. Alderman Charles stated the council members were all given copies of the full quote packages and were to review them. He stated he would handle any questions with the agencies in between the meetings and would have this on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. The bills were reviewed and approved.
3. The committee discussed the information about the Carroll LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE County Leadership Roundtable program to be held next year. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve having Alderman Grim attend the Carroll County Leadership Roundtable for this next year, to pay expenses and registration of \$1,350.00 with a possible scholarship of \$500. Roll call vote: Alderman Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee HOLIDAY AD recommendation to approve the Holiday Greeting ad in the Mirror Democrat newspaper at the cost of \$96.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Charles reported the CDAP grant funding that was INTERFUND TRANSFER requested for the sewer lining project had been deposited into the sewer fund (\$100,400). The total of all of the bills that are due now to the contractor, the engineers and the grant administrator are \$124,529.50. He stated he would like to suggest that the City first pay the contractor which was still a shortfall in the fund. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the interfund transfer of \$13,429.50 from the cemetery fund to the sewer fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR recommendation to approve the payment of \$113,829.50 to Hoerr Construction, Inc. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Charles reported he had approached one of the local banks about what would be possible if the City were to get a loan to help with the shortfalls with the enterprise funds. He was going to talk to all of the banks and would report back.
8. Alderman Charles stated he would like to have some discussion at the next meeting about setting up policies establishing future project funding before the project is scheduled for work.

Alderman Grim reported of the December 9<sup>th</sup> recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD

1. The recreation board discussed posting the pool manager position. POOL MANAGER To then advertise the position in the newspaper starting the first week in January and would look to have a candidate for the council to consider at one of the meetings in February.

Alderman Grim reported of the December 9<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Reported of the projects completed. Christmas decorations are up and all the equipment was prepared and ready for the winter season.
2. The current projects are trimming trees where needed, plowing snow as required and assisting the water department as required.

Alderman Rose reported of the December 9<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass presented a monthly activity report for the month of November 2014.
2. Discussion about a decibel meter. Alderman Charles reported he had found another meter device that was about \$269. He would provide the specifications to the city attorney to determine if this could provide information usable in court.

Clerk Cuckler reported of Public Act 98-0930, Illinois House Bill 5623 ELECTRONIC MAIL that was passed on August 15, 2014 concerning electronic mail addresses ADDRESSES for local government officials. The new law takes effect in January of this next year. All government officials are supposed have an e-mail address for the public to be able to make contact to them. Clerk Cuckler noted that the administrator of the city/chamber website had indicated that there would be a way to set up e-mail addresses for all of the council that would be linked to the website. She stated she would contact him again about that matter.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve PROCLAMATION the proclamation of December 2014 as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3-D) Prevention Month in the City of Mount Carroll. Roll call vote: Aldermen Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. The Proclamation was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from CORRESPONDENCE Campbell Center regarding a Holiday Open House at the Sawyer House building on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Grim seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT 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 Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the December 23, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector