

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2013 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. Jeff Frederick gave the invocation.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the June 11, 2013 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 Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2013 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 the bank account balances were at \$431,907.50 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today before the accounts payable are paid.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 19th historic preservation
advisory committee meeting:

COMMITTEES
HPAC

1. Under old business the committee discussed the status of the Haas building at the corner of
Market and Carroll Streets and setting up a plan to resurvey the historic district buildings.
 2. Under new business the committee discussed the Uriah Green property located on Clay Street
and possible uses that could be presented to the real estate business marketing this building.
- Noted that a final review of the proposed sign ordinance would be done at the next meeting.

The committee meetings report for June 24th is attached with these minutes as a part of the record. The
action presented to the City Council is as follows:

Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to BENTON STREET
Proceed with the Benton Street project and approve the portion of the project to be completed by the
Carroll County Highway Department for the Seal Coating at the cost of \$11,317.46. 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.

Alderman Bergren presented the water and sewer committee recommendation NEW TOILETS FOR
to approve the purchase of the two new Kohler toilets for the swimming pool SWIMMING POOL
from Crouse Plumbing & Heating at a cost of \$804.00. 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.

Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to hire PART TIME POLICE
Mr. Mike Herrig, Savanna, IL, to a part time police patrol officer position. 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.

Alderman Charles reported of the June 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation BAND FUND
to approve payment of \$300.00 each, from the City Band Fund, to Bella's Food & Spirits and Charlie's Bar & Grill for their entertainment activities. 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.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation TIMBER LAKE
PLAYHOUSE
to approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the Timber Lake Playhouse. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and noes. The motion was carried.
4. The finance committee discussed getting more information about a Business Development District.
5. Alderman Charles noted that the last report regarding the Walgreen's WALGREEN'S
STOCK
stock indicated its value was over \$10,000. He stated we had decided to consider cashing it in after it reached up to the amount. Will have on the agenda for the next meeting.
6. Discussed the outstanding water bills.
7. Noted the status of the audit of the financial records.
8. Mr. Len Anderson reported of the Saturday night car cruise event.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that the 113 N. MILL STREET
other interested individual looking at the 113 N. Mill Street property had not gotten back to him yet. In discussion about the Haas property located at the corner of Carroll and CARROLL & MARKET
STREET
Market Streets the council members present discussed some of the options to having the building repaired. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated he would report back as soon as there was more information as the property owner was seeking bids.

Alderman Charles reported that Mr. Johnson the owner of the vacant lot COMMERCIAL STREET
located along the 300 block of East Commercial Street had noted that he had to have the car body removed yet and would be burning some of the brush piles after that was done. Alderman Risko reported that he had conducted research into the comment made from the last meeting regarding the Black Locust tree being a noxious weed or tree. He stated this was not on the list of 10 noxious weeds for the state of Illinois. There were no trees on the noxious growth or weed listing. He stated he felt that matter should not be considered an issue with our City ordinance.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO.
2013-06-1
No. 2013-06-1, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Mayor Bates noted the amendments were updated into this draft. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-06-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO.
2013-06-2
No. 2013-06-2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS, AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2013-06-2 was adopted by

unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2013-06-3, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Mayor Bates noted this was for an addition in the City of Morrison for an assisted living facility. 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.

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Under general audience Ms. Teri Ebensberger of Kallemezoo's business reported of an individual that fell in the street outside of the building today & wondered if the City could check on any potholes there, Mr. Tom Cravatta commented about the Black Locust tree matter and stated he felt that Mr. Johnson was not spending adequate time cleaning up his property, City Treasurer Cynthia Wiersema commented that a couple residents had inquired about whether the City's water billing listing was open for the public to see because they had received word from someone that had seen the listing that was not a city employee or official, Pool Manager Jessica Moore reported that the pool employees would be doing some activities at the Market Street Block Fest to raise money for a new pool cover and noted when the swimming lessons were starting for the season, Jessica asked again about how to handle insurance and liability when looking at using a dunk tank for a fundraiser, Alderman Joe Grim reported he would be meeting with a vendor that could help get quoted for a customized pool cover so the City would have an idea of the costs, Mr. Nino Novakovic reported that the traffic from the car cruise activity was a great boost for the downtown businesses.

Alderman Risko 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 8:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

NAME OF COMMITTEE Committees PLACE OF MEETING City Hall

DATE OF MEETING June 24, 2013

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:00 pm

THOSE PRESENT Mayor Bates, Aldermen Charles, Rose, Sisler, Bergren, Risko, Grim

ITEMS OF BUSINESS DISCUSSED, RECOMMENDATION OR DECISIONS:

STREETS

1. Completed projects –
 - Summer help is doing well.
 - Sidewalk work at Main Street downtown – great job.

2. Current Projects –
 - Tree planting – Supt. Dauphin working on this. Still waiting to hear back from Jim Kalina.
 - Equipment Maintenance and Sweep streets are ongoing.
 - Benton Street Road Work – County Highway quote provided. \$10,189.24 seal coat South Madison and Benton Streets and Striping with paint. Total of \$11,317.46.
- * Recommendation to proceed with the Benton Street project, this portion approved.
 - Preparing for Madison Street
 - Working on list for sidewalk repairs.

3. General Audience—
 - Alderman Sisler questioned the area of Madison Street North of Benton Street consider seal coating?
 - Gutters at corner of Madison Street and Benton Street – could those be considered for repair. Need to see if this area is on City property. Check where steps and railing are located.
 - Park, Equipment – To start the project weather permitting.
 - Discussed Eastview drive roadway.

CEMETERY

1. Chairman Comments.
2. Reviewed options for repair of stones this year. Need to address and prioritize the safety issues. Mr. Apple of gravestone workshop could be asked next year to repair some of the broken stones.

Consensus – Consider asking Ivey Monument to repair the stones by the entrance and exit areas in the old section. Okay to proceed. Cost will be at the \$3,000.00 limit. Alderman Sisler has a stone he feels should be repaired – let Alderman Risko know what one that is.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Alderman Charles reported the fiberglass rods were in.
2. Alderman Grim talked with Supt. Handel – new toilets needed at pool locker rooms. Supt. Handel provided a recommendation to purchase 2 high rise Kohler toilets. Total \$584.00 – one in the men's and one in the women's. Advantage for Crouse's to install – warranty valid for one year \$220.00 for labor. For a total of \$804.00 for two new toilets at the pool.
 - Recommendation to approve the purchase of the two new toilets at the pool from Crouse Plumbing.

LICENSE AND ORDINANCE

1. Jim Johnson is going to get car body out. Waiting to burn brush pile. Bushy Flats – still need to contact all owners.
2. Employee Handbook – latest version
 - Discussed issue with Police part time holiday pay. Alderman Charles to check with other communities about their policies for this.
 - Compensatory time – Amount of maximum hours. May want to check on the 120 hours wanted.
 - Sick leave time to check with other towns.
 - Clothing Allowance – another sentence for council approval if a special occurrence requires other clothing.
 - Annual Holiday Bonuses – change the limit to \$3,500.00 per year
 - Insurance coverage – an addition if employee was to waive coverage from the City. Met with City Attorney. Will finalize the notations made this evening.
3. Mowing Issues – College & Center, Jackson St. and behind Boyd property downtown.

IFIBER OPTIONS UPDATE

Have agreement with iFiber \$100.00 for maintenance per month and would like to add service provider at \$166.00. There are other providers that would offer at ½ that price.

Could we pull together a group of customers that would work with other service providers? Still researching.

Could some others share the City's current agreement and service? The contract would need to be changed – Paragraph C does not allow for that.

Wanting to hear back from the service providers.

Have an outline presented to service providers – presented for council to look at.

Consider a committee to meet with Lou Schau and John Pokropinski to look at options together from council.

City Attorney to check on a couple of other communities regarding the contract.

POLICE

1. Notice to vacate – served to tenant at Haas Property on June 21, 2013. Laundromat closed. Will verify tenant was out. Some fencing put up around side of the building.

2. Part time police officer. Would like to hire Mike Herrig from Savanna.
* Recommendation to hire.
3. Nuisance issues discussed.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 7:45p.m.
MINUTES TAKEN BY: Clerk Cuckler

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the July 9, 2013 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector