

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2014 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Mike Melhus rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Rose moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the September 23, 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 October 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 FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$431,055.01.

Alderman Grim reported of the October 14th recreation board meeting: COMMITTEES
RECREATION

1. Final draft of the swimming pool manager job description presented and approved to be added to the employee handbook update for this year.
2. Decision to have the pool manager position posted for applications MANAGER POSITION and advertise for the same starting January 7th. The recreation board to review applications at a meeting on February 10th and consider a recommendation to the council by the February 24th council meeting. To check the agreement presented to the pool manager a couple of years ago.
3. To check with the school about storing the reel for the pool cover inside one of their buildings for the winter season.

Alderman Risko reported of the cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussion of some recent contacts regarding pledges to the Foundation for the City cemetery.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported the repairs needed for the one tractor at the cemetery had been completed.
3. Summer/maintenance workers to continue until the end of the month of October.
4. Mayor Bates reported that the Tautz family had provided an assessment of the parcel of land that they would consider donating to the City that was adjoining the cemetery property to the east. It was noted that there were issues with the garage building on the property and tall weeds and brush surrounding the building as well. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that if the Tautz's were looking to use the donation for any tax purposes they would need a qualified appraisal to meet the IRS standards. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Sisler seconded to accept the donation of the parcel of land owned by the Tautz family adjoining the cemetery property. 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.
5. Discussion regarding the survey needed for the donation of land by Robert Law also adjoining the east boundary line of the City cemetery. Mayor Bates stated he had two quotes. One from

Lyle Eaton at \$2,800 and MSA Professional Services at \$1,700. Alderman Risko stated he would contact MSA Professional Services about the quote and report back to the board and the council.

Alderman Risko reported of the October 14th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Noted the equipment break downs have been repaired.
2. The State Street paving project was still in the schedule for this fall.
3. Working on the list of projects to be completed at the parks.
4. Discussion of the repair and re-painting of the Welcome to Mount WELCOME SIGN Carroll sign at the highway intersection. After discussion, Alderman Risko presented the streets committee recommendation to approve the wood frame replacement of the sign to be done by the city crew at the cost of \$350 for materials. 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. Discussed the re-painting of the sign and will investigate the placement of some suggested graphics to be added while planning this work.

Alderman Charles reported of the October 14th license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. The committee discussed a couple more additions to the EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK employee handbook. On page 29 the pool manager's starting pay would be updated to \$3,810 for the season. On page 37 the pay grade steps and changes would need final approval by the mayor when presented. These revisions and the ones noted from the last meeting would be in a final draft to be approved at the next meeting.

Alderman Charles reported of the October 14th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Noted that the tax levy worksheet had been presented to the council members. To have this on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation COLLECTIONS to approve the listing of overdue water bills that was presented to be turned over to the collection agency. Total amount \$2,148.83. Roll call vote: Alderman Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. The finance committee started discussion of the Kunes' Country REDEVELOPMENT Auto Group, Inc. Redevelopment Agreement. The discussion AGREEMENT continued into this portion of the city council meeting. Mayor Bates noted the final draft of the redevelopment agreement was signed by the owner, Greg Kunes, with a change in some of the percentages of sales tax rebates for the years 11 through 15. Mayor Bates stated that the threshold of sales taxes that the City would be getting in a year was set at \$100,000. This was about what the last three-year average was. The percentages for rebate would be disbursed in the amounts over and above that. Alderman Sisler stated he thought this was too lucrative an agreement. Alderman Charles and Alderman Risko noted that the city had been working on this matter for quite some time. Alderman Risko stated he was taken back by the change that Mr. Kunes made, but stated he thought the City should move forward with the agreement. Alderman Grim questioned whether this might be tabled to go back to the owner about the percentage changes. Mayor Bates stated that it was up to the dealership to make the sales in order to get the rebate distributions. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Grim seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the redevelopment agreement with the Kunes Auto Group, Inc. (as presented this evening). Roll call vote: Alderman Charles, abstain, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 abstention and 1 no. The motion was carried. Mr. Mike Melhus of the Mount Carroll Kunes dealership was in attendance and thanked the council for the help with this major project that they were still pulling together.

The council discussed the status of the 113 N. Mill Street property. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated his investigation of the properties located on Miller Street and West State Street indicate that there are mortgage holders that will need to be notified of the City's intentions to seek orders to repair or demolish in order to meet code. Mayor Bates stated he had a couple of other properties that he would like the council to look at as well. The property at 106 E. Broad Street and the Bushy Flats.

Ms. Brooke Woodin, Wipfli, LLP, CPAs and Consultants of Sterling, IL, ANNUAL AUDIT was in attendance and presented an overview of the financial report for the City of Mount Carroll for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014. She referred to pages within the report going over the City's financial position, the fund balances, the government activities, the cash flows, the pledged collateral and the status of the IEPA loan. Alderman Sisler asked about some of the fund balances from the report. Alderman Charles asked about fraud issues. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles seconded to approve the annual audit as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rogers, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mr. Robert Hatheway, Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, was in PUMPKIN FEST attendance to request permission to conduct a pumpkin sling shot activity at the City property located along Galena Street (also known as the old burning grounds). Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Grim seconded to grant permission to the Chamber to conduct this Pumpkin Fest activity on the City property as requested. 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.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant the RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce. 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 Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant the RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the Mt. Carroll Community Foundation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, here, Risko, here, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, no, and Sisler, no. With the tie vote Mayor Bates was called and he voted, yes. Vote: 3 yeses, 2 noes and 2 here or present. The motion was carried.

Under general audience Mr. Tom Cravatta, West Street, commented GENERAL AUDIENCE on ordinance violation issues; Mr. Ronald Brashaw, Seminary Street, commented on the seal coating project done on South East Street this summer; Mr. Jim Fiser, Jackson Street, commented on the noise issue at the business next to him on Jackson Street; Alderman Rose reported of an ordinance violation complaint he received; Alderman Sisler reported about the trash contractor's truck being in town before 7:00 a.m.; and Linda Anderson, Market Street, commented about the many positive activities going on in Mount Carroll.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Business Support Resources, LLC regarding the 2015 Carroll County Leadership Roundtable activity. The Public Notice regarding the train speed change in our area. The report from Moring Disposal, Inc. that 34,020 pounds of recycling materials were picked up in Mount Carroll during the month of September. The letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding the September 9, 2014 field inspection of the water supply system.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Charles seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, no, Risko, yes, and Grim, yes. Vote: 4 yeses, 2 noes and 0 absent. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 28, 2014 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector