

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

Pastor Ryan strong 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.
Pastor Ryan Strong gave the invocation.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the August 26, 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 Risko seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 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.

Alderman Bergren reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were at a grand total of \$363,760.60.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 20th historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

COMMITTEES
HPAC

1. Discussed the procedure to complete the historic district resurvey.
2. Discussed the placement of the walking tour brochures in other towns.
3. Noted the information of the City's grant program for funds to reimburse the cost of paint up to \$250.00 for building improvements.

Alderman Grim reported of the September 9th recreation board meeting: RECREATION BOARD

1. Reviewed the end of the year report from the pool manager.
2. Completed a draft job description for pool manager. Will look to advertise around February for the position for next year.
3. Discussed the storage of the pool cover and reel for the winter season.
4. Discussed fundraisers. This year took in around \$400. Will look to purchase new chairs for next year. Consider the requirements and possible placement of a slide at the pool in the future.
5. The next meeting was scheduled for October 14th at 5:45 p.m.

Alderman Risko reported of the September 9th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Report that the debris under the ford at the park was cleaned out of the tubes.
2. Discussed some fall tree planting. Superintendent Dauphin will check with Kalina Landscaping about placing two more trees in where ones have died this summer.
3. Have completed some of the work cleaning up the playground areas at the parks.
4. It was noted that the new scoreboard for Point Rock Park ball diamond had been ordered. Working with Herrell Electric for the electric hook up.
5. Alderman Risko stated that Superintendent Dauphin still needs information about bad or broken signs.
6. Discussed the street work. The work on East Street and Benton Street had been completed. Parts of Lincoln and State Street would be blacktopped yet this summer into fall season. It would take

about two week for the crew to patch and blacktop. Total cost estimated at \$18,000.

7. The sidewalk project and retaining wall areas located in the 100 and 200 blocks of North Carroll Street were discussed. Some safety and hazardous areas need immediate attention. Need to look at this again. What is involved with the retaining walls, and to contact the property owners about all necessary clean up. Get a list from the police chief. Need to move forward, but assess what can be done when.
8. Alderman Risko reported of the state bidding salt contract for street de-icing this year. Costs will be \$20.00 per ton more than last year.
9. Alderman Risko presented the street committee recommendation RESERVED PARKING to deny the request from Ms. Jill Bess to have up to three reserved REQUEST parking spaces designated in the 400 block of South Main Street. 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.
10. Discussed the report of a damaged or missing basketball hoop at Coleman/Lowden Park on West State Street.

Alderman Risko reported of the September 9th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY BOARD

1. Alderman Risko reported that the cemetery looked very good this.
2. Alderman Risko reported of the stone repair completed this last weekend by Mr. Pruitt. He provided before and after photos, and provided photos of one of the large monuments that was treated with the mold cleaner and retardant this last May.
3. Alderman Risko reported that two of the cemetery board members would like to ask the council to consider approaching the neighbor adjoining the cemetery property to the east, owned by the Tautz family, about the unkept building. Alderman Bergren moved NOTICE OF ORDINANCE and Alderman Risko seconded to present a notice of ordinance VIOLATION violation to (the Tautz Family) the neighbor to the City cemetery directly to the east. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, no. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Rose reported of the September 9th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Alderman Rose presented the police committee recommendation to hire NEW HIRE Mr. Jason Schwartz to fill a part time police 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 September 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee recommendation INSURANCE BIDS to seek bids for the annual commercial insurance coverage. 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 TRAINING FOR to authorize and approve the treasurer's attendance to the Illinois TREASURER Municipal Treasurer's Association institute training in November of this year in Bloomington, IL. Cost for registration is \$410. 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.
4. Alderman Charles presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$21,000 from the City bond & interest sinking fund to the City sewer fund as a loan in order to meet the expenditure of the new grinder at the sewer plant. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, no, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim,

yes, and Charles, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried.

5. Mayor Bates reported he had an inquiry about whether the City would sell any of the paver bricks that have not been cleaned and are lying in piles in the old burning grounds. No action was presented regarding this matter at this time.

Mayor Bates noted the first item under new business for the council to FIBER OPTIC CABLE consider was the permit to install Fiber Optic Cable in the City right-of-way. Clerk Cuckler reported that the engineers and the Water and Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel had not presented any feedback regarding this matter yet. The council members present voiced their approval to table this matter until there is information or a recommendation from the engineers and the city public works department.

Mayor Bates reported that the Fall Bulky Waste Pick Up day had been scheduled for October 4th.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Charles seconded to grant a raffle RAFFLE LICENSE license to the Friends of the Mount Carroll Township Public Library to conduct a raffle from September 15th through December 6th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, present, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried.

Under correspondence Mayor Bates noted the letter from Governor CORRESPONDENCE Quinn regarding the passage of the transportation capital bill program, and the letter from Medicom regarding some cable television rate adjustments, and the letter from Community Funding & Planning Services regarding the October 16th Legislative Round Table Dinner in Savanna, IL.

Alderman Rose left the council chambers at 7:47 p.m.

Alderman Grim moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Grim, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, absent, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 absent and 0 noes. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector