

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Frank Bruscata 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 John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL  
Eina Schroeder, present, Doug Bergren, present, Diane Lego, absent, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Reverend Mark Harkness, Mt. Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes from the March 27, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2007 as PAYABLE approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the total bank account balances were FINANCIAL \$682,313.21 as of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Sparboe moved and REPORT Alderman Schroeder seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES  
Alderman Sparboe reported of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE  
1. Mayor Bates presented the color and design proposed by Kristie Ritchie for the "Welcome to Mount Carroll" sign. Consensus to ask Ms. Ritchie to proceed with her suggestions.  
2. Budget items considered. To have a draft for the next meeting. Items to consider:

- Ask the city crew to check the fire escape stairs in the back of the city hall building for painting this summer.
- Ask Superintendent Dauphin about the brush hog equipment purchase for this year.
- To consider a change to the employee policy that the water, sewer and streets departments uniform allowance would be set at \$400 to be paid to the employee at the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Consensus that the salary of the part time employees would change to the new Illinois minimum wage scale starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To discuss salaries at the next meeting scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- TIF conference. Aldermen Bergren expressed interest in attending this month in Peoria, IL. To consider this at the next meeting.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to EMPLOYEE POLICY approve the change to the uniform allowance section of the employee policies to a \$400 payment to each full time employee of the water, sewer and streets departments at the beginning of each fiscal year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was

carried.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the April 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates noted that the deed to the property purchased from Dr. Saidel for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement project was now recorded.
3. Mayor Bates reported that the city attorney was working with MSA on the easements with Metform, Inc. and the school for the roadway and water improvements projects.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee TIF CONFERENCE recommendation to authorize the payment of the registration, mileage, food and lodging for Alderman Bergren to attend the TIF Conference in Peoria, IL on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost of registration at \$220.00. Roll call vote: Alderman Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe noted the untimely death of Mr. James Shaw the owner of the Shaw's grocery store for many years in Mount Carroll. He noted that Mr. Shaw was always a very generous man for many community events. The council would like to recognize Mr. Shaw and suggested checking into costs for a bench possibly at the City Park.

Mayor Bates read into the record the MSA Project Update Report. This MSA PROJECT  
added to the record with these minutes. UPDATE

Mayor Bates read the project update submitted by Sharon Pepin of PROJECT UPDATE  
Community Funding & Planning Services. This added to the record with these minutes.

Mr. John Swiech and Mr. Lou Schau reported of the progress with the CCI steering committee and the CDC Kraft building improvements.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa was in attendance and reported of the Saturday clean up day scheduled for Point Rock Park and noted that he had met with Superintendent Dauphin about the parking lot in the 400 block of North Main Street. Also noted that there would be some publicity in the Voyager magazine for the summer car cruise nights.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the proposed temporary BROADWAY STREET  
roadway improvements to the 100 block of East and West Broadway Street. The proposal is to tear out the current surface and brick pavement, salvage as much of the bricks as possible, replace with a temporary gravel base, and coat the surface when needed for dust. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve the above stated roadway improvement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

Mr. Frank Bruscatto and Mr. Bill Bell of the American Red Cross office RED CROSS  
in Freeport, IL were in attendance and addressed the council about the services and training available from their organization.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the Joint City-State Agreement ROUTE 64 PROJECT  
with related resolutions and ordinance regarding the State's proposed roadway improvement of

US Route 52/Illinois 64. The city's estimated cost of the project is at \$8,625 to adjust and reconstruct three city manholes and 1 fire hydrant along the path of this project. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Joint City-State Agreement with the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for the proposed Route 64 roadway improvement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

## EXHIBIT "A"

## RESOLUTION

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass Resolution "A" authorizing the appropriation of \$8,625 of the city's funds for the city's share of the State of Illinois proposed improvements to US Route 52/Illinois Route 64. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass

## EXHIBIT "B"

## ORDINANCE NO.

(Ordinance No. 2007-04-12), AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF

2007-04-12

MT. CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2007-04-12 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass

## EXHIBIT "C"

## RESOLUTION

the Resolution APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AS PROPOSED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A JOINT CITY-STATE IMPROVEMENT OF US ROUTE 52/ILLINOIS ROUTE 64 FROM JUST EAST OF THE PLUM RIVER TO EAST OF THE CITY OF MT. CARROLL, FAP ROUTE 17, STATE SECTION (1,2)RS & (3,1)RS-1, IN THE CITY OF MT. CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

There was some discussion about the project start and whether there would be any road closures during this. Noted the project was tentatively scheduled for the June 15, 2007 bid letting.

Mayor Bates stated that since the city lifted the parking restrictions along

## BENTON STREET

the 100 block of East Benton Street the Mobil convenience store has

## PARKING

complained of a problem mainly on Tuesdays and Fridays when they receive shipments from semi trucks of supplies. There have been individuals that have stated they did not want to move their vehicle from the two closest parking spaces to the Mobil in order for the trucks to have better access. Alderman Schroeder moved and Alderman Bork seconded to ask the city attorney to draft an ordinance providing for limited parking in 1/2 of the block on the north side of the 100 block of East Benton Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to accept the COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2007 Collector's Report as submitted. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Joan Hough, Director of the Mount Carroll Public Library was in attendance and addressed the letter that she wrote to the council on March 28<sup>th</sup> expressing the board of trustees concern about the limited parking in front of the library building. She noted that some of the patrons to the library would like to see more parking since it seems at times that there are area residents that abuse the parking restrictions. Mayor Bates noted that finding more parking in the downtown area would be difficult. He stated he had talked with the police chief and he was monitoring the parking area. LIBRARY PARKING

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 24, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk