

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

Kara Brinkmeier, Prairie Advocate reporter, rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen Diane Lego, present, Nina Cooper, present, John Boelkens, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Doug Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor David Vidler, First Lutheran Church, Mount Carroll, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize payment of the account payable to date for the month of July 2007 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Alderman Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that there was \$688,220.06 in the bank checking accounts as of July 10th noted on financial report. Mayor Bates stated he would like a comment or note on the report stating what the interest rate was on these accounts. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 10th finance committee meeting:

1. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to pay \$175.00 to Blue Mountain Design for the posting of the agenda and minutes on the Mount Carroll internet website through the end to the year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe reported that the council was invited to meet with the chamber marketing committee on August 1st at the Sievert's business to discuss the Mount Carroll website.

2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution to the Mount Carroll Fire Department for the fireworks display activities at the same amount contributed last year (\$250.00). Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

3. Alderman Sparboe reported the finance committee discussed the newsletter from the Illinois Municipal League encouraging the cities to contact their legislators about adopting a capital budget plan for the state so that the payments to the cities for infrastructure improvements would move forward. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to write a letter to the state legislators in support of the passage of a state capital budget plan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

4. Laura Miller was in attendance regarding the Chamber's Christmas In July activity. She stated that they planned to have vendors in the downtown on this day, July 28th,

along with the Farmers Market vendors. With that, they would need a few more street cones for the Main and Market Street area, and they would like permission to decorate the street lampposts. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve all of the plans for the Christmas In July activity on July 28, 2007. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation WELCOME SIGN to approve the plan to upgrade the landscaping around the Welcome Sign with the approval of the Church of God. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates stated that the city crew would do the work to remove the shrubs that were around the sign now and place mulch around this area. The thought was to have some flowers planted here or something that would be agreeable with the Church of God.

Mr. John Swiech was in attendance to report of the Competitive Communities activities. He noted that they would be having a meeting on July 26th at 6:30 p.m. and he would like to have the city represented at this meeting.

Mayor Bates noted the CCI Certificate of Achievement from the state DCEO office recognizing the city's completion of Phase 2 of the Competitive Communities Initiative Program.

Mr. Lou Schau was in attendance and reported of the progress of the Kraft building renovation. He stated that the CDC was also discussing the installation of some directional signs to Mount Carroll from Lake Carroll. Cost estimates at about \$200 each. No action at this time.

Mr. Schau reported of the CDC purchase of the "Stone House" from Michelle Hubb after receiving a donation of about \$10,000 from an anonymous donor. Part of the money will be used to stabilize the walls of the building, put up a fence for security, and have the property mowed.

Mayor Bates read the MSA Project Update. A copy of this report is attached with these minutes as a part of the record.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2007-7-4, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance no. 2007-7-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the permit NICOR GAS application from Nicor Gas Company to move the underground gas lines along South Jackson Street and US Highway 52. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Ms. Ann Dougherty was in attendance and reported that the Tri-State Tourism Council would be meeting in Mount Carroll on July 11th.

Mayor Bates reported that a representative from the Illinois Bicycle Touring Company had contacted the city hall regarding a bicycle tour that was scheduled to have a rest stop in Mount Carroll on July 29th at the Point Rock Park.

Mayor Bates reported that the council would have an ordinance for the next meeting regarding the EPA Loan Program for the water works improvement project.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 24, 2007 regular meeting. Attachment noted in the minutes is on file in the city hall office with these minutes.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector