

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Sharon Pepin 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

Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

MINUTES

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of December 2009 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today were

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$662,668.80. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 14<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Noted several issues being reviewed or considered:
  - A. Handicapped parking in the downtown area.
  - B. Review of the International Building Codes.
  - C. Responsible Bidder Ordinance

2. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the proposed amendment to the 1997 Comprehensive Plan regarding Neighborhood Parks to say as follows: "Proposed by the Plan, it is the city's responsibility to acquire the appropriate land, develop it and expand its use for the public." Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Lego asked about two vehicles that appeared to have expired or no license plates and were parked along Mill Street. Police Chief Hockman reported that he was addressing this matter.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Bates reported that Chief Hockman expressed the police department's appreciation for the Holiday bonus this year as the only item for the police committee meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 14<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting:

STREETS

1. Alderman Cooper asked Street Superintendent Dauphin to consider a time to schedule a meeting to go over all of this next year's street projects. Consensus to schedule this for after the holidays.
2. Alderman Bergren reported he would be contacting Mr. Royce Baier of Paxton, IL about the

- Brick Street Workshop for this next year. He would report back with more information.
3. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the 1996 loader tractor would need two new tires. He would provide an estimate of cost as soon as possible.
  4. Superintendent Dauphin expressed the street department's appreciation for the holiday bonus. The committee member present voiced their appreciation to the crew for a job well done during and after the recent snow event.
  5. Discussed the intersection lighting along the Illinois Route 64 construction route. Clerk Cuckler reported that the Jo Carroll Energy representative and Street Superintendent Dauphin suggested finding out from the district IDOT office which lights might still be scheduled for replacement to complete the construction.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the December 14<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER  
MSA AND WATER PROJECT UPDATE

1. Mr. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and reported of the close out items needed for the contract with Loberg Excavating. The following was presented for council consideration: "The project is essentially complete; we are in the process of finalizing the close out documentation. Loberg Excavating, Inc. has submitted a final change order request. The request includes the following:
  1. Additional Monthly Insurance for the month of November 2009 = \$1,600.00
  2. Wage rate increases from the month of August to the present = \$1,648.98
  3. Additional incurred costs associated with wage increases
    - a. Company match for Social Security and Medicare = \$1,738.92
    - b. Worker's Compensation Insurance Fees = \$2,286.72
    - c. 15% mark-up on wage increases = \$4,013.48

MSA recommends the committee discuss these items; MSA will prepare the final change order at the direction of the City. We are waiting for Loberg to submit final lien waivers prior to executing final paperwork and payment.

The City also needs to speak with its insurance company to ensure that the three well house properties are properly insured."

In discussion Sharon Pepin reported that the City had paid the additional insurance and wage rate increases in past change orders. The IEPA would include the costs for the wage rate increases in the draw requests for the loan monies, but not any of the other items. The consensus of the committee was to ask the City Attorney for his advice on the approval of these final line items of the Loberg Excavating, Inc. contract.

2. Superintendent Handel expressed his department's appreciation for the Holiday bonus and his personal gift certificate.
3. Superintendent Handel reported of a damaged fire hydrant after one of the snow storms. He would provide a cost estimate of repair.

Mayor Bates noted that the issue of the 15% mark-up on the wage increases to Loberg was something he took issue with and was not comfortable having to pay that line item. He stated he would be in contact with MSA and the City Attorney to get this worked out.

Alderman Lego reported that the cemetery board would look to consider the upcoming maintenance and repairs needed this spring at the next regular meeting.

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Mayor Bates, Aldermen Cooper and Bergren reported of the public hearing held today in Sterling IL regarding the Thomson prison facility.
3. The committee reviewed the Special Tax Allocation (TIF) fund expenses TIF and distribution of the allotment for this year. Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the following payments out of the TIF fund: \$5,195 to be distributed to the State Bank of Pearl City, \$43,950 to be paid to the City General Fund, and from the City General Fund to transfer \$38,518 to the City Water Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFER to authorize the interfund transfer of \$6,500.00 from the City Water fund into the City Sewer fund in order to meet expenses for this month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.
5. Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation CAT WELFARE to authorize the purchase of up to \$150.00 worth of cat food through a vendor in Carroll County to be used by the representatives from the Adrienne's Angels organization for the cat population in Mount Carroll. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates stated that he would contact Mr. Joe Grim of the Carroll County Animal Shelter about donated food that might be available and some of the local vendors about food prices.
6. Mayor Bates stated he would make contact with Dr. Alan Schroeder from the Humane Society of Carroll County about their request for funds.

Alderman Bergren reported that the next meeting of the CCI People for Progress CCI UPDATE Committee would be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 21<sup>st</sup> in City Hall. To set goals for the year so city council, chamber and CDC input would be appreciated.

Alderman Bergren reported that the historic preservation advisory committee did not meet this month, but he had notification from Charlotte Behrens that she would be resigning from the committee.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC was in attendance and reported of the projects they were progressing with this winter. He also expressed his appreciation to the council for all of their support throughout this last year.

Mrs. Sharon Pepin, EPA loan administrator, was in attendance and reported EPA LOAN of the latest draw requests to EPA for the water project. A total of \$263,929 was to date to come to the City, and there should be a check soon from one of the draw requests. Mayor Bates asked the council to consider authorization for a check to be issued to Loberg Excavating for payment request #21 and #22. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor and clerk to issue a check in the amount of \$79,234.49 for the two payment requests as soon as the IEPA draw request was delivered to the City to pay for this. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, LOBERG PAYMENT Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Pepin reported the final draft of the amended loan agreement with the IEPA AGREEMENT setting out the repayment terms was provided for council review and approval. The first payment of \$222,053.04 would be due 1/31/2010 which includes a principal payment, regular interest and accrued interest. The following biannual payments of \$122,003.04 would start in July. The total cost of the

loan repayment was \$4,960,411.08 with the final payment being due 07/31/2029. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the loan amendment document (Drinking Water Project: L17-1423) with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency accepting the terms of the loan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Pepin reported that all of the documents have been received from DCEO CDAP GRANT regarding the CDAP grant for the Well #2 lining project. A payment request could be submitted in the amount of \$65,615.00 which would be for all of the project cost reimbursement. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the payment request document to be submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the well lining project with the total of the request being \$65,615.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mrs. Pepin reported that this would be the one and only request for the monies for this grant so the close out activities could be scheduled. She stated she would propose to conduct the public hearing at the January 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting night.

Mayor Bates reported he had provided information he received from Scott Sullivan of Savanna, IL regarding the development of ATV trails.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO. R12-2009-7 Resolution No. R12-2009-7, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ARE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Resolution No. R12-2009-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The total of the appropriation: \$38,518.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12-6 Ordinance No. 2009-12-6, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2010. Mayor Bates noted the total levy was \$196,635. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2009-12-7, ANNUAL TAX LEVY, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates read a thank you from Treasurer Susan Morgan of the holiday bonus this year.

Mayor Bates recognized Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk from the Mirror Democrat newspaper as this was to be her last meeting as a reporter for the paper. She was retiring. Mayor Bates presented Mrs. VanBuskirk with one of the City Hall ornaments done by artist David Allan Badger. Mrs. VanBuskirk thanked the mayor and council.

Mayor Bates stated that it was his decision regarding the paid time-off for the employee holiday benefit for the ½ day before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. He stated he decided to choose one this year and the paid time-off would be provided for New Year's Eve day.

Discussed that the community house drawings provided from the architect should work to develop the bidding specifications.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 12, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector