

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Jessica Warfield 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, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Richard Fortner, Sts. John & Catherine Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes from the January 26, 2010 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2010 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today totaled FINANCIAL REPORT
\$635,869.95. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Bergren reported of the February 9th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Mayor Bates reported he had met with Chief Hockman recently to put together the basic qualifications for the police chief's position. Must be at least 21 years old; High School Graduate or Equivalent; Graduate of Police Institute or Equivalent; and Law Enforcement Experience Preferred. Discussed the feasibility of going back to two full time officers only. Chief Hockman, Officer Burch and Carroll County Sheriff Doran expressed that they felt the city should have at least the three full time officers so the daytime hours could also be covered and stated some of the issues and duties that were handled by the police department. Chief Hockman noted that there have been many issues with scheduling when he has had to cover for one of the full time officers during illnesses and personal time off. The committee members discussed advertising in the newspapers, the handling of the interview process, and whether to consider the review of the city code for residency requirements for the police chief. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation ADVERTISING
to place an ad in the newspaper for two weeks soliciting applications for a full time police officer to have into city hall by March 1, 2010; the newspapers to advertise in would be Mirror Democrat, Mt. Carroll, Prairie Advocate, Lanark, the Freeport Journal Standard, the Clinton Herald and the Sterling paper. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
2. The mayor asked Sheriff Doran about the process to handle fingerprinting of liquor license applicants for the city. Sheriff Doran stated that this could be handled through his office but there would be a charge for the service.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the February 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.

2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the payment of the registration and hotel costs for two aldermen to attend the Rural Economic Development Conference in Peoria, IL on March 3 & 4. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. RURAL DEVEL.
CONFERENCE
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the reimbursement of \$355.58 plus mileage to Alderman Cooper for attendance at the Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL last month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. CONFERENCE
EXPENSES
4. No action was taken on the review of the pending MSA invoices.
5. Mayor Bates reported of his discussions with Mr. Loberg to finalize the water project costs.
6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the purchase of new tires for the 1986 backhoe from Bushman's Service of Milledgeville, IL at the cost of \$1,475.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. BACKHOE TIRES
7. Alderman Sparboe presented a copy of Mark and Emily Bressler's proposal for a municipal band project. To review the information and discuss with the Bressler's when they attend a future meeting.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported of the progress of the Kraft Building Restoration project. In consideration of a draw request of the CDAP Grant Funds, Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the draw request of the CDAP Grant Funds to be submitted to DCEO and authorize the mayor's signature on the required documents in the amount of \$70,478.05. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. KRAFT BLDG.
CDAP GRANT FUNDS

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve and authorize the payment of the invoices for the Kraft Building project to Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning: \$69,228.05 and to Community Funding & Planning Services: \$1,250.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. PROJECT INVOICES

Lou Schau and Mayor Bates reported that there was a lot of dirt from the Kraft Building basement that needed to be removed with the current work underway. Mayor Bates asked the Council to consider the approval of a dump truck and city crew member to work with the Kraft building volunteers on a Saturday to have this dirt removed from the basement. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the use of the city dump truck and payment to a city employee to conduct the work as stated above. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, no, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 no. the motion was carried. BASEMENT WORK

Lou Schau provided the costs for 9 new directional signs to be placed along the state highways and along some of the city streets along with a photo mock up of the signs. The total cost for the signs, posts and materials would be \$908.00. A letter from the City would be needed in the future to be sent to the State requesting the placement along the State routes. NEW SIGNS

Lou Schau stated he would have proposals for the remodeling of the bathrooms at the community house

at the next meeting.

Mayor Bates reported he needed to talk with Superintendent Russell Handel about the swimming pool assessment proposal from Burbach Aquatics, Inc. before he suggested the council consider this matter.

Ms. Jessica Warfield was in attendance and the council discussed the issues regarding the feeding of the feral cats and what seemed to be several colonies within the corporate limits. Mayor Bates noted that there are three organizations in the area now that have been dealing with the matter and hoped that through cooperation with the city and residents that this could become a more manageable situation. Mrs. Warfield stated she would be attending the Human Society meeting this month and they would consider some more ways to build awareness in the community and would report back to the council.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2010-2-7, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE 2010-2-7 ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. The property to be added to the Enterprise Zone is within the City of Sterling once being the former Wal-Mart Store. The proposed developer is proposing to redevelop the property for a new retail development project.

The council members present voiced their approval to table a resolution RESOLUTION of support for the acceleration of the transfer of property from the Army to the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority. The former Army Depot is located north of Savanna, IL.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the NEW SIGNS purchase of the new directional signs proposed by the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation at a total cost of \$908.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted two workshops in the county in the near future. The one is in Mount Carroll on February 25th called a Community Preparedness Workshop sponsored by the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Blackhawk Hills R, C, & D and EDD, and the US Department of Agriculture, and the other workshop is scheduled for April 22nd called Greening our Communities sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension.

Mayor Bates reported of the extensive work and excessive water line CAMPBELL CENTER break recently at the Campbell Center facility, the former Shimer College campus. The council asked the clerk to provide an assessment of the amount of water that had been attributed to the leak to assess the charges to the Center and the mayor stated he felt the city could help with some of the ground restoration in the spring in order to continue to use the facility for the upcoming Mayfest activity over the Memorial Day weekend.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 23, 2010 regular meeting. Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector

