

MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

The Honorable Ed Stern, Mayor of Lanark, IL, 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 John Boelkens, present, Nina Cooper, absent, Diane Lego, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, absent, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2009 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balance total as of today was \$731,437.85. He noted that the water fund was in the negative. This would be reviewed at the next finance meeting. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork reported of the July 11<sup>th</sup> park board meeting.

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1. In attendance were Mayor Bates, Aldermen Bork and Bergren, Linda Anderson, and Ed & Lisa Leipus. Reviewed some of the proposals for the walking trails and exercise stations. To consider expanding the trail and possibly adding another bathroom facility for the back of the park near the new pavilion. Alderman Bergren is to contact a gentleman from the Department of natural Resources about grant programs and an application.
2. To ask Superintendent Dauphin to check into getting a swing set for Percy Park.
3. It was noted the basketball hoop and rim were broken at Lowden Park. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to direct Superintendent Dauphin to purchase the materials for a new basketball backboard and rim for Lowden Park at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Another meeting was scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Point Rock Park to discuss a DNR grant application.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 14<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to accept the proposal from the Bausman Boys Mowing Service to mow and clean up the tall grass and weeds at the abandoned property located at 113 N. Mill Street at the cost of \$225 and to lien this against the property according to the state laws along with any future mowing. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Cooper, absent, and

- Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. It was noted that Moring Disposal, Inc. was having an open house at their new facility in Rock Falls, IL on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to accept the proposal from Davis Custom Decorators to sand and wire brush, prime and paint the fire escape structure behind the city hall building at the cost of \$1,614. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
  5. The finance committee members voiced their approval to contact BRIDGE REPAIR Superintendent Dauphin about checking on costs for the replacement of the steel plates on the deck of the Galena Street Bridge.
  6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to hire Ryan G. Lambert as a part time police officer at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
  7. Mayor Bates stated he was planning to attend the Northern Illinois Mayors meeting in Freeport, IL on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  8. No action was taken on a proposal from Mr. Fred Paschke PAVER BRICK STORAGE regarding the monthly rent for the storage of the City's paver bricks in the buildings that he recently purchased from Jim Colehour. He was offering to take an annual payment that would be equal to the cost of eleven months rent. (\$2,695.00)
  8. Mayor Bates introduced a guest in the audience: Mayor Ed Stern from Lanark, IL
  9. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation CONDUIT to accept the change order proposal submitted by PDC in the amount of a \$3,600 credit and the installation of protective shields around the above ground electric conduit at all three wells contingent upon review by the mayor and Howard Herrell from Herrell Electric. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported that the People for Progress Committee have TOWN HALL MEETING scheduled a town hall meeting for the community on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Naaman Diehl Hall in the Farm Bureau and the City, Chamber and CDC will be sharing in the cost of the food and beverages.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and presented the Project Update MSA UPDATE Report. A copy of this report added as a part of the record and will be included with these minutes. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve PAYMENT Payment application #19 in the amount of \$45,708.58 to Loberg APPLICATION Excavating for the water project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried. This statement with the final one from Maguire Iron, Inc. would be submitted to the IEPA for a draw request of the loan.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and presented a Project CFPS UPDATE Status Report.

Water Improvements Project: A draw request in the amount of \$61,527 DRAW REQUEST was presented for council approval. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to

authorize the mayor to sign the IEPA loan draw request #19 in the amount of \$61,527.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. Ms. Pepin reported that the anticipated first loan payment would be February 2010.

Ms. Pepin reported that she had submitted a letter to Loberg Excavating regarding the wage rate increases over the duration of the project. Loberg is expected to respond with more information.

Capital Improvement Plan: Twelve copies of the final draft were provided to the City Council.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to accept the final draft of the Mount Carroll Capital Improvements Program 2009-2013. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Kraft Building – CDAP Grant: The bid opening for the Kraft Building remodeling is scheduled for July 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall. The results of the bid opening and the recommended contractor will be reviewed at the city's July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. With the City being the recipient of the CDAP grant funds, an agreement for grant administration needs to be executed by the City. Administrative fees are \$5,000 and are to be paid 100% out of the CDAP grant funds. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the grant administration agreement with Sharon Pepin at a fee not to exceed \$5,000 and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

CDAP Set-Aside Grant- Well #2 Project: Lyons Well Drilling has completed the project. Total construction costs were \$65,733, with the grant expected to pay \$51,725. DCEO however, has not received the HUD disbursement yet. Sharon reported she would keep the council informed on the status of this.

DCEO/CDAP/ARRA Stimulus Grant Applications: The grant applications submitted by the city were not awarded at this time. Sharon reported that she had been asked for more information about the Commercial Street project, so she would let the council know if some other stimulus program might be available in the future.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the committee was also looking at the storm sewer and water line at the Kraft Building. Some improvements or changes might be recommended with the remodeling project. He reported that the committee was setting up an 800 phone number with several other organizations. He reported he was working with several contractors for quotes to remodel the bathroom at the community house and would report back to the council on this matter.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to direct the IDOT SIGN REQUEST Clerk to send a letter to IDOT requesting a sign to be placed along the State highway to recognize the 4<sup>th</sup> place finish of the West Carroll High School girl's softball team. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Tom Cravatta, Mt. Carroll Chamber, was in attendance and reported OKTOBERFEST 2009 of the upcoming plans for the Oktoberfest 2009 scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. He noted that they would be looking to block off portions of Main and Market Street downtown and probably would be requesting a liquor license for a beer tent. He stated he would keep the council informed of the activities once more has been set.

Mr. Len Anderson reported that the second car cruise night of the summer was all set for this upcoming weekend.

Mayor Bates and Alderman Bergren stated that they would be able to attend the Blackhawk Hills R, C & D required CIP Incentive workshop on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bates state he would plan to attend the Local Government Conference sponsored by the Farm Bureau on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Sauk Valley College in Dixon, IL.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to go EXECUTIVE SESSION into executive session to consider the purchase or lease of real estate for the use of the public body. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting into closed session at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the open session of the meeting to order at 9:01 p.m. OPEN SESSION  
Mayor Bates noted that all of the council members that were in attendance earlier are still in attendance.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize LAND OPTION the mayor to continue negotiation with one of the property owners for the option to purchase and to secure a survey. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that Mr. Robert Law had gone ahead and started RETAINING WALL work on the falling retaining wall on or near his property located at the intersection of Market and Mill Streets. He stated he would be talking with him and report back to the council. This matter was brought up previously at a committees meeting. The wall was crumbling and was over an existing sewer main.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 28, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector