

MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Police Chief Delbert Hockman rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. Mayor Carl R. 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 Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2007 regular meeting as presented. 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.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2007 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 total in the bank checking accounts was \$684,718.51 per the financial report. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the financial report as submitted. 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 Bergren reported of the July 18th historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

1. The committee members will be marking the locations of the new signposts and signs for the walking tour.
2. Discussed ways to set up future planning for abandoned buildings within the historic district. It was noted that the CDC purchased the Emmert House located at the intersection of Route 78 and State Street. They will try to sell the materials from the demolition of the house.
3. Committee member Patti Johnson suggested that the owner/editor of the Mirror Democrat newspaper should be contacted to ask if the walking tour brochure could be published once.
4. Discussed the removal of the brick pavers from the 100 block of East and West Broadway Street. Noted that any utility maintenance would be completed before laying the brick pavement back in place along this roadway. Also, noted that more of the bricks were salvaged than initially estimated.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the July 24th license and ordinance committee meeting:

1. Discussed sending out letters and notices out to violators of the tall weeds and grass ordinance. Some locations noted were: Carroll Street, Clay Street, the Tom Sperling Subdivision on State Street, and the Colehour and Amstar Petroleum property along Route 64 and South Jackson Street.
2. Discussed the unkempt buildings. One on West State Street, a collapsing garage, and the house at the intersection of Main and Benton Streets.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 23rd police committee meeting:

1. Chief Hockman reported that there was a coolant problem with the Impala squad car. They would

be using the Expedition while the vehicle was in the shop.

2. Chief Hockman reported that all of the officers were in good health and all were back to work.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 23rd streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Broadway Street and Argyll Lane were ready and prepped for seal coating this summer.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported that Reid Law, Law Excavating, was asking about removing the pavement on West Street. Mayor Bates stated he understood that Mr. Law was volunteering his time and equipment to do this work for the city, but he had asked Mr. Law for a cost estimate that would be placed on file along with his insurance information.
3. The committee discussed the water damage noticed in the city hall from one of the last rainstorms. Water leaked into the ceiling of the back office. A building committee meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the shop building. To look at all of the priorities of the city buildings. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize Superintendent Dauphin to make contacts with contractors to get tuckpointing proposals for the city hall building. 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 Boelkens reported of the July 23rd water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Marty Beranek, PE, MSA, was in attendance and presented the Project Update.
 - The southeast Lane and South Jackson Street roadway project was underway.
 - The pre-bid conference for the Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Project was scheduled for August 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the city hall. Marty presented the contract agreement with MSA Professional Services, Inc. for the bidding and construction related costs from July 16, 2007 through September 3, 2009. Total cost \$320,000. Alderman Sparboe moved and MSA AGREEMENT Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the contract agreement with MSA for the Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Project bidding and construction costs totaling \$320,000. 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. Mayor Bates noted that even though the project cost increased almost two fold that the engineer's cost have remained the same.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that the pump at the swimming pool had quit. POOL EQUIPMENT He stated he had talked with Alderman Boelkens to provide direction and they had ordered a new pump at the cost of \$1,400. The estimate to repair the pump that was well over ten years old was at \$800 and it would take several weeks to get the parts.
3. Superintendent Handel stated that in discussions with the two labs that conducted the radiological samples in April, they had no explanation for the variance of the results. The committee agreed to have the samples provided to the two labs one more time for the next go round of tests this summer.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to INTERFUND authorize the interfund transfer of \$7,000 from the cemetery endowment fund TRANSFER in the following distributions: \$1,000 to the enterprise sewer fund, \$1,700 to the audit fund and \$4,300 to the recreation fund in order to meet expenses with the stipulation that this would be paid back by August 28, 2007. 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.

3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the change of information of all updated city officials to the Illinois Funds for the city's standing account, and authorize the mayor and other city officials on the account to act as the authorized signatures, (city clerk, and two finance committee members). 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. ILLINOIS FUNDS
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to allow David Guffey, CSC of Santa Monica, CA to film a pilot movie in Mount Carroll from October 18th through the 24th in the community and on two city properties, the community house and the Oak Hill Cemetery. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Lego, absent, and Cooper, absent. The motion was carried. It was noted that Reverend David Guffey grew up in Mount Carroll and was now a minister in the Catholic Church in Santa Monica. This is a thesis film project in order for him to get a Masters of Fine Arts in Film Production. FILM PROJECT

It was reported from the Friends of the Waukarusa that the pavilion at the park was complete enough that a church service would be done there on Sunday, July 29th. PARK PAVILION

Mr. John Swiech was in attendance and reported that the next CCI meeting was to be held on July 26th at 6:30 p.m. in city hall, and he hoped that the city council would be represented. Mr. Swiech also reported that the CDC was able to purchase the "Emmert Stone House" through the generous donation by an anonymous donor. CCI

Mrs. Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services, reported that the awards of grant funding for the Safe Routes to School Program should be announced sometime in September or October. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the adoption of the brick street maintenance plan titled: *The Brick Streets of Mount Carroll: Maintenance and Restoration Strategies for Tomorrow*. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adopt the brick street maintenance plan submitted by Alderman Doug Bergren on May 21, 2007 with the amended page 8. 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. BRICK STREET MAINTENANCE PLAN

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2007-7-5, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MT. CARROLL, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM. 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. Ordinance No. 2007-7-5 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-7-5

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the Gallatin River Communications permit request to place and install telephone cable needed to be relocated along Southeast Lane within the corporate limits. 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. PERMIT REQUEST

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the payment of the \$35.00 registration fee for Alderman Bergren to attend the Creative Community Collaboration Workshop in Rock Falls on August 14th. 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. WORKSHOP

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 14, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector