

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mary Ann Hutchison 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, absent, ROLL CALL

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

Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bates asked for a moment of silence for individual prayer for the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the December 23, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported that the total balance in the bank accounts to date FINANCIAL REPORT was at \$796,138.58. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Sparboe reported of the January 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation CONTRIBUTION to approve the contribution of \$300 to the Humane Society of Carroll County to help provide funding for their services to trap, evaluate, treat, vaccinate and spay or neuter numerous pets in Carroll County. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Cooper reported of the court appearance on December 29th in the suit against Mr. Michael Lartz. Mayor Bates noted the correspondence received from the city attorney that was sent to Mr. Lartz. He stated that the judgment was in the city's favor and the next court appearance was scheduled for February 2, 2009 for sentencing.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation FLOOD INS. to approve the renewal of flood insurance for the sewerage treatment plant with Selective Insurance Company of Southeast at a total annual premium of \$679 for the coverage of \$25,000 for the building and \$25,000 for the contents with a deductible of \$4,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Mayor Bates reported that the new tractor had been delivered to the Massey Ferguson dealer in Fulton, IL.
6. Alderman Sparboe reported of the appreciation photograph with Mary Ann Hutchison, the city council members, and the Friends of the Waukarusa members in attendance: Len & Linda Anderson, and Ed Leipus. Mrs. Hutchison had recently contributed \$10,000 in memory of her late husband, Robert, to be used towards the development and improvement of the walking trails

in the City of Mount Carroll's Point Rock Park.

7. Mayor Bates reported that Mr. Russ Simpson, Jo Carroll Energy, had contacted him and asked to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the formation of the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance.

Mr. Ed Leipus of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported of the "Homemade Jam" HOMEMADE JAM open mike night on December 13th at the Community House. He noted there were nine musicians that participated and they felt this was a successful event. He stated they wished to schedule another time in February on the 21st or the 28th. The council members present voiced their approval to schedule this event again in the community house. He noted that the council also paid for the refreshments which should accommodate the next event as well.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that it has been CDC brought to their attention that there are some CDAP grant funds that the city could pursue for them in providing secondary funding for the rehab of the Kraft Building. Mayor Bates noted that there was more information on this matter in the packet that Sharon Pepin provided for this evening's meeting. It was also noted that the public hearing was scheduled for January 27th at 6:30 p.m. to begin the process for this application to the State. Mr. Schau also reported of a \$5,000 contribution to the CDC from the John Gmitro Estate to be used towards the Stone House Project and another individual contributed \$600 to be used towards the work on the Kraft Building.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and MSA presented the project update report. He noted that this so far has been a slow month, however, Well #3 has finally had the two safe samples needed to begin work to tie it into the system. Once this is completed then Well #2 would be taken off line. The completion of Pressure Relief Valve #3 would begin again once weather permits. The SCADA startup will be scheduled as soon as possible in order to establish communication to all new control components of the water system. Regarding contract #1 with Loberg Excavating, Mr. Wagner presented Payment Application #14 in the amount of \$126,229.39 for the month of December for the council's approval. Alderman Sparboe moved PAYMENT and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve payment application #14 from APPLICATION Loberg Excavating in the amount of \$126,229.39 for the month of December 2008 to be forwarded to the IEPA for approval for a loan draw request. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Cooper, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Regarding contract #2 with Maguire Iron, Mr. Wagner presented Payment APPLICATION Application #10 in the amount of \$13,162.50 for the month of December. PAYMENT Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve payment application #10 from APPLICATION Maguire Iron in the amount of \$13,162.50 for the month of December 2008 to be forwarded to the IEPA for approval for a loan draw request. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Wagner reported that the next construction status meeting has been scheduled for February 6, 2009 in the city hall at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Bates read the Project Status Report submitted by Sharon Pepin of CFPS UPDATE Community Funding & Planning Services. A copy of this added to the record and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Bates noted the action item from Ms. Pepin was the IEPA Loan Draw Request #14 in

the amount of \$155,181.00 for the water works improvement project. LOAN REQUEST
Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the mayor to sign draw request #14 to be sent to the IEPA for loan funds in the amount of \$155,181.00 for the water works improvement project expenses. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates noted that Mrs. Pepin provided information about the proposed CDAP grant application for the Kraft Building restoration, a copy of the public hearing notice to consider this at the next meeting, and a spreadsheet of the water works project expenses and IEPA loan requests.

Mayor Bates noted that the next item on the agenda was to consider the Green GREEN IDEAS, INC
Ideas, Inc. application of wind power. He stated they provided a draft agreement and he had received a couple of reference letters. He stated that Alderman Bergren and Alderman Bork had made a couple of contacts about this company and the individuals. He stated that he felt the consensus of the council was that the city council would not pursue this project. No objections were voiced by the council members present.

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

1. Information about the January 15th Northern Illinois Mayor's Association meeting to be held at the Byron Power Plant. Aldermen Bergren and Cooper stated that they would be interested in attending with the mayor.
2. Information about the University of Illinois Extension teleconference institutes for municipalities for the upcoming year.
3. An information packet from the IEPA about the burning laws in Illinois
4. A letter from Nancy Gable of Blue Mountain Design reporting that the old web site domain had been retired and that she still remained the designated manager of the domain name on behalf of the City.

Clerk Cuckler reported of the e-mail from Sharon Pepin about the Opportunity GRANT FUNDS
Returns grant program for the Brick Streets and the Test Well Project. She had stated that she was told that the money was appropriated. It would be the city's advantage to contact our legislative sponsor for these to have the funds released.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 27, 2009 regular meeting. The noted attachment to these minutes is on file in the City Hall office.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector