

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. 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, absent, ROLL CALL
Nina Cooper, absent, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Sparboe gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the January 13, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Lego 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, Lego, yes, Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today were at FINANCIAL REPORT \$724,008.05. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES
FINANCE
Alderman Sparboe reported of the January 27th finance committee meeting:
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$20,000 from the cemetery endowment fund to the cemetery operations and maintenance fund to make payment on the new tractor from Merema Brothers, Inc. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$25,000 from the enterprise bond and interest sinking fund (debt service) to the water operation and maintenance fund in order to meet the month's expenses. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. The committee discussed the nomination petitions that had been filed for the April 7th Consolidated Election.
5. Discussed some sidewalk repairs to be considered for this next season.
6. Discussed handicapped accessible parking in the downtown area. To re-evaluate the placements and consider one to be located closer to the Pharmacy Center.
7. Reviewed the delinquent water bills.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and thanked the council for CDC providing assistance towards the CDAP grant application. He reported the architectural drawings were complete for the work on the Kraft Building, and that they would be bidding the first phase of the

project soon. He stated that a radon test was conducted on the Kraft Building and it was essentially clear.

Mayor Bates read the following from the MSA Project Report:

MSA REPORT

Phase 2 Water Works Improvements:

“Well #3 electrical and plumbing construction is essentially complete. MSA has completed the necessary paperwork to obtain Partial C operating permit and has provided documentation to IEPA. Well #3 tie-in will be scheduled as soon as there is a break in the weather.

Initial start up and operator training on the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) was completed last Thursday, January 22nd. Wells #3 and #4 are integrated into the SCADA.

The next project progress meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Miscellaneous:

MSA provided a Task Order for the water and sewer utilities extensions on Commercial Street with a reduced scope to minimize engineering costs. MSA is offering this work at a “break-even” price as a courtesy to the City.

MSA is available to assist the City in putting together project overview information in preparation of the pending Federal American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009. Our office has been working with US Senator Durbin and Congressman Manzullo’s staff, as well as, various federal and state agencies in anticipation of the upcoming economic stimulus funding.”

Mayor Bates provided the task order from MSA to conduct the engineering

TASK ORDER

services for the Commercial Street water and sewer utilities extensions. Total cost of \$3,000. He reported he had contacted the Willett and Hofmann firm in Dixon, IL and they had provided an informal quote of \$3,500, and the County Engineer stated that he would not be able to provide this service. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to hire MSA Professional Services, Inc. for the engineering services for the Commercial Street utilities extensions and authorize the mayor to sign the task order not to exceed \$3,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, no, Lego, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 3 yeases, 1 no, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that he had been contacted by Mayor Bill Lease of Savanna, IL about taking a trip to Washington, DC to meet with the legislators the first week in March. He stated he would not be able to attend, and he was still awaiting some of the details. Alderman Bork stated that she might be interested to represent the City. Mayor Bates noted that this could be an opportunity to provide some of the City’s street and bridge improvement projects. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, reported that these projects had been submitted into the Federal Economic Development Agency through the Blackhawk Hills R, C & D. She stated that she was planning to attend this trip and would be providing a packet that would include these projects. Mayor Bates stated that he felt the 25-acre business/industrial park proposal at the south end of town should also be included.

Sharon Pepin, CFPS, reported that one of the EPA loan draw requests was received recently allowing the City to for the November 2008 bills from the Loberg and Maguire Iron. She stated she felt that the CIP retreat meeting went very well on Saturday and reminded the council if there was anything else to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan to please contact her. She stated she should have a draft available by the February 23rd committee meeting night.

Mrs. Jill Van Roekel, Clifton and Gunderson of Clinton, IA, was in

ANNUAL AUDIT

attendance and presented the Financial Statements for the City of Mount Carroll for the fiscal year ended

April 30, 2008. She reviewed the letter submitted with the annual audit to provide guidance towards significant issues within the statements. Mayor Bates and the council thanked Ms. Van Roekel for attending this meeting and asked for some historical data which Jill thought she should be able to provide. It was also noted that a single audit was going to be needed for this year because of the IEPA Loan Money. Mayor Bates asked for some information about costs for this into the next year for the budget. Jill stated she would be able to submit some information about this matter as well.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to accept the calendar MFT AUDIT year 2007 Motor Fuel Tax Audit and place this on file. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Resolution RESOLUTION OF No. R2009-2-4, A COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT. Roll call vote: SUPPORT Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Resolution No. R2009-2-4 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates noted this was a resolution of support to submit the CDAP grant application to the State to be used towards the CDC Kraft Building Project.

Mr. Andre De Rosa and Mr. Mitchell Furllett of the GSY Energy company were GSY ENERGY in attendance to ask if the city was still interested in the wind energy study. Mayor Bates stated that the council did not have the money to invest in this study at this time, and he was concerned about how the city would find a return on the development of a wind turbine in this small community. Mr. De Rosa did note that they would still be in the area and that they could also offer their services to conduct an energy audit of the city buildings. Mayor Bates stated he would ask the council to consider a resolution of interest regarding this matter at a future meeting.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Methodist Youth group requesting to conduct a street solicitation on June 9th. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Bates commented that if the road construction on IL 64 was still ongoing at this time the state would not allow this activity on the highway intersection.

Mayor Bates noted that the Tri County Economic Development Alliance representatives would also be attending the next meeting.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 10, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector