

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Tom Cravatta 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Sparboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the May 27, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 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 June 2008 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted the total of the bank accounts as of June 10<sup>th</sup> - FINANCIAL REPORT \$726,198.91. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES  
FINANCE  
Alderman Sparboe reported of the June 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:  
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.  
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation WSI TRAINING to reimburse Tara Hartman the amount of \$62.50 for the WSI training she received to be an instructor for the swimming lessons at the pool this season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.  
3. Alderman Bork reported that she had a request from the mowing crew at the car wash business about whether a tube could go to one of the ditches north of this area as there was a lot of water there that was not draining. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with the Street Superintendent about this matter.  
4. Mayor Bates asked for consideration of the revolving loan fund request RLF REQUEST submitted by the Mount Carroll CDC. Mayor Bates noted that the one contingency for the \$150,000 loan would be to provide collateral as the second mortgage holder on the property. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the loan request from the Mount Carroll CDC of the \$150,000 from the City Revolving Loan Fund with the required (contingency of) collateral in the development of the loan agreement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. John Swiech of the People for Progress committee reported that there would be a meeting this month to go over the action plan.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC was in attendance and reported of the CDC UPDATE

work scheduled for the Kraft Building, the old Stone House and the planting of the flowers in the downtown. He asked if the council would consider a donation to the CDC for the materials for the flowers again this year. He stated he thought the city gave them \$200. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to contribute \$200 to the Mt. Carroll CDC CONTRIBUTION for the flowers planted in the downtown by the beautification committee members. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Nick Wagner and Jacob Lemke of MSA were in attendance to MSA PROJECT UPDATE provide the project update.

\*Miscellaneous Services – MSA is currently working on alternatives for the digester roof/cover replacement at the City's direction. Additional information will be forwarded once available.

\*Southeast Lane Road/ S. Jackson Street Improvement Project – Civil Constructors has begun to complete the final restoration items on the project; the recent wet weather has held them up somewhat. Once the site has had time to dry, they will finish the final punch list items. Nick presented the required documents to be submitted to the IEPA for the Notice of Termination of coverage under the general permit for storm water discharges associated with construction site activities. Since the project is essentially completed this document could be submitted so the city would not be assessed another annual permit fee. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded IEPA FORM to authorize the mayor to sign the Notice of Termination documents to be submitted to the IEPA for the Southeast Lane road project. Roll call vote: Aldermen cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

\*Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Bidding and CRS –

Contract #1 – Water supply and water distribution (Loberg Excavating, Inc.)

The floor slab had been poured at the Well #4 building and masonry construction has recently begun. The general building construction will continue through the rest of the month; internal mechanical, HV, and electrical construction will follow. Well #2 and Well #3 will stay online until Well #4 is within 30 days of completion.

Water main construction continues up Jackson Street. The directional drill under Jackson Street at Alma Street was completed on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The directional drill under Jackson Street at Seminary Street is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. PRV construction will be scheduled in and take place throughout the next few months. MSA continues to distribute construction reminder memos to the residents on Jackson and Broadway Streets.

Loberg has submitted Payment Application #7 in the amount of \$175,771.28 PAYMENT REQUEST bringing their completed and stored to date total to \$864,813.42. MSA has reviewed the application and it is in order, and therefore recommends Council review and approval. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the mayor to sign payment request #7 submitted by Loberg Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$175,771.28 to be submitted to the IEPA for the loan disbursement request. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Contract #2 – 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage (Maguire Iron, Inc.)

Maguire Iron has finished pre-fabricating the steel tank in their shop and has delivered it to the job site. Due to wet ground conditions, their overall starting schedule for vertical construction has been pushed back. They will start construction as soon as it is dry enough to do so. Field erection of the tank should take about 2 months to complete. Field painting, electrical work, cathodic protection, and other ancillary construction activities will be completed once the tank is erected. Maguire PAYMENT REQUEST Iron has submitted payment application #4. This application is in the amount of \$167,512.50, bringing

their completed and stored to date total to \$524,179.57. MSA has reviewed the application and it is in order, and therefore recommends Council review and approval. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the mayor to sign payment request #4 submitted by Maguire Iron in the amount of \$167,512.50 to be submitted to the IEPA for the loan disbursement request. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

MSA has prepared the 4<sup>th</sup> project newsletter for the council's review. The next project progress meeting has been scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in city hall.

Alderman Bork reported that Mr. Jeff Quinn has completed the repair to the COMMUNITY HOUSE walls at the community house and would start the painting today. The Lutheran Church members were going to do some cleaning and order new curtains for the windows in the kitchen. Clerk Cuckler reported that the one toilet was leaking from a cracked tank so that was replaced over the weekend and noted that the chairs had been switched out with the church and the CDC. Alderman Bork reported the light bulbs were replaced and the entry light fixed.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the annual appointments and he would like the full council here to consider this matter.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2008-6-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT 2008-6-3 CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2008-6-3 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to grant RAFFLE LICENSE a raffle license to the Mount Carroll Fire Department. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated that he was asked to write a letter in opposition of the SALES TAX PROPOSAL 1% sales tax increase proposed to go towards the West Carroll School District. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the mayor to send a letter to the school system opposing the sales tax increase proposal. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, no, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that he received a copy of the application used by PAINTING PROPOSAL the City of Savanna for the Paint Beautification Program. He stated he talked with Savanna's public works superintendent about the program and for some guidelines. He stated that they did not have any written guidelines, so it would be up to the council to decide how to handle the budget amount of \$2,500 this year and in the future.

Mayor Bates stated that he received a recommendation from the POOL EMPLOYEES Swimming pool manager to consider the employment of two more lifeguards, Tripper Carey and Athena

Timm. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve hiring Tripper Carey and Athena Timm as lifeguards at the city swimming pool this summer. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

John Swiech, Extension and CDC director, reported that the mayor of SUMMER HELP Savanna contacted him about the Summer Youth Help Program funded by the State. The program could be expanded to other communities in the county and there was an information meeting scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. He asked if someone from the council could attend this meeting as he would have a conflict on that date.

Mayor Bates reported of a letter from Allysha Hrovat a West Carroll Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grader. She expressed her concern about the lack of activities for families and children during the summer months in Mount Carroll. Mayor Bates stated he would respond to this letter.

Mayor Bates reported of the sidewalk work that was being done in the downtown. Dr. Schroeder of the Mt. Carroll Veterinary Clinic expressed to him their appreciation for some of the cost for the work they completed. Some of the other work downtown would be billed to the businesses for their portion of the sidewalk area that was replaced.

Mayor Bates reported he received some feedback regarding the notice sent to the property owner on Carroll Street. Most of it positive to consider some of the other issues in town.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 24, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector