

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Anna Gray 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Doris Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Clifton Jacobs gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the October 10, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes,  
Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2010 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes,  
Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the total of the bank accounts as of today was FINANCIAL REPORT  
\$649,816.50. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report  
as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper,  
yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 20<sup>th</sup> historic preservation COMMITTEES  
advisory committee meeting: HPAC

1. The committee reviewed the demolition and building permits submitted by Jim and Gina Wilkinson for 204 N. Main Street. They were proposing to tear off the back porch and rebuild with a remodeling of the kitchen. The committee members approved the plans presented.
2. Discussed some maintenance work needed to the historic information signs at certain properties.
3. Cindy Pingatore volunteered to start the research to consider a couple of properties in the historic district for Landmark Designation.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 25<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE  
committee meeting:

1. Discussed reviewing examples of other community's employee policies or manual. To consider if certain issues should be added to our policies. Would like to look at a procedure for new employee hires.
2. Discussed the handicapped parking regulations. The city attorney would be attending the city council meeting to clarify what was needed for an ordinance.
3. To move forward on the building inspector certification.

Alderman Lego reported of the October 25<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Alderman Lego presented before and after photos of the stones repaired at the cemetery by Ivey Monument. Mayor Bates reported that Law-Jones Funeral Homes, Inc. had their contractor complete the ones they were going to do this year. No photos have been submitted yet. To assess from the initial listing some of the stones to consider for next year and if there are any that might have relatives known to ask for financial help with these repairs.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the October 25<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Mr. Steve Haring of MSA was in attendance and noted that any other warranty issues for the water project needed to be presented ASAP in order to get that information to the contractor.
2. Discussed the Mill Street water leaks this year. Alderman Bork asked if line replacement in the area would help to make sure more leaks did not happen in the future. To ask Superintendent Handel about this matter.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 25<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting STREETS

1. Clerk Cuckler reported that Howard Herrell of Herrell Electric had installed one of the new LED lights in a street light in the downtown to be used for the energy efficiency grant program. He asked for the council to look at and if okay to let him know so he could order the rest of the materials. Mayor Bates stated that he and Alderman Bergren had looked at the lighting and felt they knew where the new light was, but after talking with Mr. Herrell they found out it was the light in front of his store at the west end of Market Street. He stated he felt that that light was okay and directed the clerk to contact Mr. Herrell to order the materials for installation in all of the downtown lights.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 25<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Discussed concerns presented to the police chief regarding police coverage hours. The chief reported of issues with scheduling for the month of October. There were two shifts in the month that were not covered. The chief would like to council to consider another full time officer. The council members present asked for more information about the costs, where were we in the budget for the year, and what were the pros and cons of another full time officer.
2. Reminder to consider for next year's budget a new vehicle. The chief was asked to present his assessment of which vehicle should be considered for trade first.
3. The six-month review of Chief Cass's employment was scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in city hall.
4. Discussed equipment needs to go ahead and order: vehicle lockout device \$60.00 and a digital voice recorder.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the October 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Tony Malone, ESI Consultants, Ltd., was in attendance and PARK IMPROVEMENTS provided information and a proposal for engineering services for the Point Rock Park Improvements. This would be needed if the City wished to pursue the grant from the Department of Natural Resources to do these improvements. Mr. Malone stated he could provide a revised proposal based on the discussion this evening about the scope of the proposed project. Clerk Cuckler noted that the park flood damage assessment had not been completed yet by all of the insurance companies and FEMA yet, so if some of these improvements are to change things regarding those assessments we are to provide that information to FEMA as soon as we have something.
3. Clerk Cuckler reported that there had not been a response to the letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mueller yet about the purchase of the property where the old water tower was located.

Mayor Bates noted that during the committee meetings that the council had discussed the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund annual hourly standard for the City. No action was taken

by the council, but the consensus was to table this matter to the old business section of the agenda for further review.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC was in attendance and reported of the contribution CDC and work to be done on the Stone House Project, the cemetery tour activities set for October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and the marketing for the Kraft Building. He also noted some more information he found and provided to the council regarding roadway vegetation control for safety. To make a copy of this packet for the city attorney. The council members present with Mr. Schau and the city attorney discussed the location of three handicapped parking spaces in the downtown area and a fourth space near the City community house. The city attorney was asked to draft the necessary ordinance for this matter.

Alderman Bergren reported of the October 20<sup>th</sup> People for Progress meeting. They discussed the handicapped parking spaces needed in the downtown, starting plans for the January Town Meeting, the work on the Stone House, the traffic hazard issues along Illinois Route 78 near the Lincoln Street intersection, and the broadband infrastructure project for northern Illinois.

Mayor Bates and Alderman Bergren reported of the brick street repair BRICK STREETS project completed on Main Street in front of the Methodist Church. To look at an area in the downtown. Aldermen Bergren reported he contacted the City of Amboy about the paver bricks they have available just for the transportation. Mayor Bates stated he has talked with the street superintendent, but some other vehicles would be nice to have as well.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that he had WATER TOWER LEASE received a final draft of Water Tower Lease from the Jo Carroll Energy General Counsel, John Cox. This agreement is to allow Jo Carroll Energy to install an antenna on the City water tower for wireless internet service in the area. City Attorney Coplan stated that he felt this was an accepted version of what had been agreed upon and if the council were also in agreement then he would notify Mr. Cox of this. He noted that the representatives from Jo Carroll Energy were to sign the agreement first and send two originals to the City for the mayor's signature. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to execute the Water Tower Lease agreement upon receipt from Jo Carroll Energy. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Lego seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2010-10-6, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING COMPENSATION FOR 2010-10-6 THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2010-10-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates presented the appointment of Mr. Mike Risko to fill the ALDERMAN vacancy for the Ward 3 Alderman position. Alderman Cooper moved and APPOINTMENT Alderman Bork seconded to confirm the appointment of Mr. Mike Risko to the Alderman Ward 3 position. Roll call vote: Alderman Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper asked for the council to consider going into closed EXECUTIVE SESSION session to consider a personnel matter. City Attorney Ronald Coplan noted that there was not a

specific consequence for going into closed session even if the item was not on the agenda. He did not encourage it, but the discussion should be held to a matter that did not require action in that instance and should fall within one of the statutory exceptions allowing closed meetings. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to go into closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or evaluation of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting into closed session at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 8:53 p.m.                    OPEN SESSION

Mayor Bates reported of the unveiling of the Carroll County Community Memoir Project to be held at the Owen P. Miles House Museum on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bates reported of the correspondence from Nick Wagner of MSA regarding the letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicating that no permit was required to install the sewage storage tanks for the two properties located on East Commercial Street. Mayor Bates reported that these tanks would be installed very soon.

Mayor Bates reported that 24,840 pounds of recycling materials were picked up by Moring Disposal, Inc. in the month of September 2010.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn            ADJOURNMENT  
the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes with the amendment to add in the license and ordinance committee meeting, under #1, "It was the consensus of the committee members to have the committee chair of the respective department to attend the hiring negotiations with the mayor along with the potential hiree."

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector