

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Mary Boelkens 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, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, absent.  
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Sparboe gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the July 24, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the bank account balances as of August 14, 2007. FINANCIAL REPORT  
Total: \$1,008,135.64. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses , 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES  
Alderman Bergren reported of the August 8<sup>th</sup> building committee meeting: BUILDING  
1. The committee met with Superintendent Eric Dauphin to assess some of the issues of the city buildings.  
\*The new storage building: The city crew would like to put some shelves in this building so they can sort the fittings and parts that they use from the old building. They would get rid of the old parts this winter and tear down the old building when time permits.  
\*The water works building: This needs new gutter and some new boards on the north and south sides along with new shingles. In time this building will be used for storage.  
\*Roof for the maintenance building: Eric called K&H Enterprises and they told him that they would be here mid-September to do the roof project.  
\*The salt shed: This needs new doors on the front due to deterioration from the salt. It was suggested to consider a fiberglass door to prevent this problem in the future. This building also needs some new boards.  
\*The round house: Noting that this was slated to be demolished in the water works improvements project even though we were told that there were only 11 of these structures left in the state. Repair and maintenance costs would not be cost effective to save this building. Consensus that this should be taken down when it was no longer needed.  
\*Community House: Plattenberger's are scheduling a time with the crew when they can install the new air conditioning and furnace in the building. Then the city crew would repair the floor  
\*City Hall: There would be someone from Freeport Industrial Roofing to look at the roof for any damage. Eric reported there was a section by the bell tower that needed repair. Eric would also ask if painting the roof would extend its life. To look at installing more industrial sized gutter on the

backside of the building. There are supposed to be a couple of proposals for the tuck pointing of the west wall of the building. To also make sure that the appropriate mortar is used for the soft brick. Suggested that the lime stone wall at the bottom also be repaired. To consider having the other walls of the building tuck pointed and repaired where needed. The city crew would paint the fire escape once the tuck pointing of this section of the building was completed. Alderman Bergren stated he would check whether any grants were available for this project.

Clerk Cuckler reported that there was a proposal from Dan Becktel of Elite Masonry to grind and tuck point every bed joint and head joint with soft mortar of approximately 860 square feet of the city hall building. Total cost of labor, rental of a lift truck, and materials, portland, lime and sand, was \$10,765.00. The council voiced their approval to table this proposal pending another quote from Randy Stultz of Savanna, IL.

Alderman Lego reported of the August 9<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting  
at the cemetery:

CEMETERY

1. Noted that the meeting was called to determine if the grass marker for the Henry and Mildred Rosentiel on the Mershon lot could be replaced with a slant marker. The placement of a different marker would place it out of the monument row. After discussion with Superintendent Dauphin it was decided that there would not be any problems having this new marker. To notify the family that this monument change was approved by the board.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 14<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussion of the relocation of the water main along the South Jackson Street and Southeast Lane roadway project. Cost about \$25,000.
3. Jan VanBuskirk was in attendance and reported that the Chamber has a website subcommittee that has been developing plans for a new website. The committee would like to know if the city would be interested in cooperating with the Chamber for this project. To schedule a meeting with city officials to compare the content and scope of the website as well as the costs.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported that they were  
completing a handicapped railing on the pavilion at Point Rock Park.

PAVILION

Mr. Anderson reported that the next car cruise night was scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> and they would be traveling through town starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lou Schau was in attendance and reported of the progress with the stone house and noted that the tuck pointing project for the Kraft building would start on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, Inc. was in attendance and  
reported of the Southeast Lane roadway project. He noted the change order

SE LANE ROAD  
PROJECT

that would be submitted for the relocation of the water main along this project area. They found that a portion of this would only have 1'-3' of cover, and this would certainly be a problem during the winter months. The contractor would be submitting a payment request also by the next meeting.

Regarding the water project, Nick reported that there were 30 sets of plans and specifications out to date. The pre-bid conference was held on August 7<sup>th</sup> in city hall. The bids are due August 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in city hall.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens to approve the raffle  
license for the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation to conduct two raffles until

RAFFLE LICENSE

December 1, 2007. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve CONSTRUCTION the permit applications from Gallatin River Communications and Nicor PERMITS Gas Company for relocation of the gas line along Route 64 in the corporate limits and the relocation of the utility lines and poles for the new construction of the Savanna-Thomson State bank along South East Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve STREET the street solicitation request from the Carroll County CASA organization SOLICITATION at the highway intersection at the south end on town on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the council would be considering an amendment TIF to the tax increment finance district for the city by adding the Frank's AMENDMENT Furniture property. It was determined that this parcel was missed in the formation of the district two years ago. Mayor Bates asked the council to review the schedule for the adoption of the TIF Amendment proposal as provided by Kathleen Field Orr, our TIF consulting attorney. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the schedule for the adoption of the proposed amendment to the TIF redevelopment plan and project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Clerk Cuckler reported that the Lions Club have scheduled a hearing screening in a motor home that would be parked in front of the city hall on August 20<sup>th</sup> during the morning hours. Noted that they might need to use some of the electricity from the city hall. No objections voiced by the city council members present.

Mr. Len Anderson reported of some of the activities for the upcoming Brick Street Days events on September 8<sup>th</sup>. They would again have the antique vehicle show along Main Street. This would require the street closed for a time that day.

Alderman Bergren asked about the parking along the 200 block of North Main with the special use application submitted for review for the property located at 203 North Main Street. The contract purchaser of the property would like to have a special use permit for a multi-family apartment dwelling. Chief Hockman noted that with the delivery trucks to the bowling alley and other parking along this street that he hoped that the council would not consider lifting the restriction of parking along the east side of this street.

Mayor Bates read the Save a Life Foundation Proclamation recognizing the PROCLAMATION month of September as Save A Life Month encouraging the community to join the nationwide effort to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the Save A Life Month Proclamation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 28, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector