

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 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, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL  
Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MINUTES

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2011 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances total as of today was \$529,373.50. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Boelkens reported of the January 25<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Bergren reported that he was aware that the state purchase program for the Crown Victoria squad car was now open for placing orders and the delivery time for making a payment would not be until after May, into the next fiscal year for the City. This was brought to the Chief Cass's attention. Chief Cass stated he was aware of this. Mayor Bates stated the chief was looking at the priorities regarding which vehicle should be traded first and about presenting that in the budget. He reported that he and Chief Cass had met recently and they had reviewed his budget for the next year. To start budget discussions at the next meeting.
3. Regarding the letter from the State of Illinois, Division of Professional Regulation. The committee asked the clerk to place an ad in the newspaper noting to local professionals needing a license for beauty salons and barber shops to check on the new State regulations.
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the payment of registration at \$150.00 each and reimbursement of lodging and meals for Aldermen Doug Bergren and Nina Cooper to attend the Rural Community Economic Development Conference in Peoria, IL on March 9 and 10, 2011. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, present, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, present, Lego, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. CONFERENCE
5. The committee considered the letter and proposed resolution from the Village of DePue, Illinois regarding their plea to the IEPA to pursue the clean up of a former plant site. The council members asked the clerk to have a draft of the resolution of support in the council packets for the next meeting.
6. Mayor Bates reported he had talked with a local contractor about a timeline to start work on the

community house bathroom remodeling.

7. Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the opening of the Brick Street Coffee business in the Kraft Building. The finance committee members also noted the other new business to open in the next month or so would be the Bella Food and Spirits restaurant business on Market Street.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from City Attorney Ronald Coplan regarding the proposed ordinance to change the speed limit on Main and Market Streets. He noted that he would like to have traffic and speed studies done to meet the regulations needed to consider this change even on the downtown streets. Mayor Bates noted that this was also presented to the chief of police.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from Judy Torres the LOIS (LocationOne Information System) Administrator under the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to her and the contact information would be on file.

Mayor Bates noted the Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development Economic Development Summit 2011 to be held in Mt. Carroll at the Farm Bureau building on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Blackhawk Hills office.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes on February 23, 2011.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector