

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Patricia Johnson 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, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Ziebart, Mount Carroll Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes from the September 25, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens,
yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The
motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2007. Roll PAYABLE
call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes.
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported there was a total of \$911,247.74 in the bank checking FINANCIAL
accounts as of today per the financial report. Alderman Boelkens moved and REPORT
Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as submitted. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego,
yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.
The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the October 9th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The finance committee reviewed the status of the 200 shares of Walgreen's stock that was donated to the city in December 2005. The per share price had dropped from \$48 to \$39. The finance committee consensus was to maintain the stock at this time.
3. The committee members reviewed the payment request from Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$193,000 for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. It was noted that there was a shortfall in the motor fuel tax fund, but there were two grant reimbursements still in process. To review at the next council meeting.
4. Mayor Bates reported of his meetings in Chicago on September 30th with the EDA district director in Illinois about the city's EDA grant application for the water tower project, and the DCEO representative about the CDAP grant application. He reported that there was not going to be a way for these grants to help with the waterworks improvement project.

Mr. John Swiech representing the CDC was in attendance and reported that the CDC board was looking at rebuilding the old log cabin that was discovered in one of the homes along Rapp Street. If this could be accomplished they would locate this on the old stone house property that was just recently purchased. The CDC was also organizing a funding roundtable to consider all of the resources possible to develop a multi-use subdivision on the Dave Johnston property located along Illinois Highway 64.

Mr. Nick Wagner, P.E. of MSA was in attendance and present the project MSA REPORT
update report.
SOUTHEAST LANE/S. JACKSON STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Seeding and mulching have been completed. Minor punch list of items remains. MSA will perform a final walk-through inspection with Civil Constructors on Thursday or Friday of this week. Change order #2 is being presented for a contract deduction of \$693.76; this deduction is for work performed by the City Staff to clean the sanitary sewer of construction debris resulting from earthwork construction.

Civil submitted Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$193,468.90. MSA has reviewed the application and it is in order, therefore payment is recommended. It is likely that the final payment application would be submitted for the October 23rd meeting.

Mayor Bates noted that the finance committee had reviewed the payment request and would consider this at the next meeting to assess which funds would be used.

PHASE 2 WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS BIDDING AND CRS

Contract execution is pending. IEPA in reviewing and approving bids submitted, has not considered the electrical and telephone service allowances contained within Contract #1-Water Supply and Water Distribution. The City's recommended contract #1 award price of \$2,828,630 was adjusted down by \$57,750 resulting in and IEPA endorsed award price of \$2,770,880. MSA is consulting with IEPA to determine the procedure that the City must follow in formally awarding Contract #1 to Loberg Excavating, Inc. This will be resolved shortly and contract execution will move forward. There are no allowances within Contract #2-300,000-gallon Elevated Storage. Therefore, no issue exists in awarding this contract.

Loberg Excavating, Inc. has requested substitution of its electrical subcontractor from Hensen Electric, Inc., Lanark, IL to Precision Drive and Control, Inc. (PDC), Freeport, IL. In making this request, Richard Loberg sited that Loberg Excavating, Inc. reconsidered the large scope of electrical work entailed in Contract #1 and felt that PDC's extensive experience was a benefit to this contract and to the City. No contract price adjustment was requested. MSA has ample experience with PDC and has no qualms about this substitution. The request is presented to the City Council for a decision.

The council members present voiced their approval to this request.

SEWER SIPHONS REPLACEMENTS ENGINEERING SERVICES

Fischer Excavating, inc. is preparing the close-out paperwork. MSA has spoken with their office on several occasions over the past two weeks. The final paperwork would be available to the council by the October 23rd Council Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

MSA completed the "Flood Map Modernization Local Data" form on behalf of the City last week and forwarded it to IDNR representative Don Abraham, with a copy to Clerk Julie Cuckler.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve **CHANGE ORDER** the Change Order #2 with the contract deduction of \$693.76 with Civil Constructors for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 nos. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren asked about whether there were any discussions regarding the placement of underground fiber optic cable when installing other underground utilities. To consider what options might be available.

Mayor Bates noted that the council would be considering the ordinances to **EPA LOAN** update the water regulations and amend the debt service charges in order to meet all of the requirements for the IEPA loan for the water works improvements project. He noted that the debt service charges would increase at least \$10.00 per user per month. Since the city would not be making a payment

until the summer of 2009 he was wondering whether the city could up the rates gradually. He stated that we needed to ask Sharon Pepin to contact the IEPA about a graduated rate increase.

Mrs. Patricia Johnson, Mount Carroll Historic Preservation Advisory Committee GRANT PROJECT was in attendance and reported that the committee was pursuing a grant with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to complete the 72-minute audio CD to go along with the walking tour brochure. The research for the individual properties had been very overwhelming for the committee members and Mrs. Alice Neuschwanger had picked up on this project for them. Mayor Bates noted that the city had agreed during a past meeting to compensate Mrs. Neuschwanger up to \$150 towards her efforts for this project. Mrs. Johnson thanked the council and stated that she had not been notified that this matter had been taken care of.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance No. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10-8, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ECONOMIC INCENTIVE 2007-10-8 AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 410 CLAY STREET, MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS. Mayor Bates noted that this was an agreement with the Pearl City Bank regarding the use of TIF funds for future reimbursement for some of the eligible redevelopment project costs. This amount over the time of the TIF would not exceed \$82,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2007-10-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Sparboe asked about the new state legislation regarding the smoking ban in public places. Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk was in attendance and stated that the county discussed this matter and that it was noted that the county health department would be providing information to the local and county governments about the impacts of this legislation.

Nick Wagner, P.E., MSA, asked if any of the council members were planning to attend the MSA Legislative Dinner scheduled for October 25th at Lake Carroll. The council members planning to attend notified the clerk to respond for the dinner reservations.

Mayor Bates reported that he was contacted about a possible engine brake noise ordinance. He stated this was a matter that should be discussed with the city attorney when we were talking about the city code update.

It was noted that several of the ornamental streetlights had been painted in the downtown area. Alderman Lego stated she felt Mr. Davis had been doing a wonderful job. The lights look good.

The council members asked the clerk to contact Herrell Electric about the lights in the bandstand turning on early in the day. There must be an adjustment needed for the timer.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 23, 2007 regular meeting.
Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector