

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Ann Dougherty 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, absent, Eina **ROLL CALL**
Schroeder, present, Doug Bergren, present, Diane Lego, absent, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Schroeder led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Sparboe gave the invocation.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve the **MINUTES**
minutes from the April 10, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the **ACCOUNTS**
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 2007 as **PAYABLE**
approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the financial report presented stated a total in the bank **FINANCIAL**
checking accounts at \$699,321.70. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman **REPORT**
Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented and place this on file. Roll call vote:
Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent.
Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Schroeder reported of the March 26th recreation board meeting: **COMMITTEES**
RECREATION

1. Noted that Teri Timm had resigned from the board this year. Will need a replacement.
2. Will be accepting applications for lifeguard and assistant manager positions through April 11th.
3. Mitch Timm stated that he would repair the picnic tables before opening this year.
4. Tentative opening date for the pool will be June 2nd or 3rd.
5. Deb Gallentine, manager, stated that she was contacted by Jack and Karen Kromer about helping after the summer season to keep the pool open until Labor Day. Once more details are confirmed she will report back to the board about this matter.
6. Discussed raising the season pass prices this year.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 18th historic preservation advisory **HISTORIC**
committee meeting: **PRESERVATION**

1. Regarding old business the committee reviewed the status of the new signs for the walking tour to be completed and discussed possible storage places for the brick pavers purchased last year. To start work on landmark designations for the Kraft Building and the Hotel Glenview Building.
2. Char Berhens reported that Michelle Hubb had contacted her about selling her property where the old stone house was located.
3. The committee reviewed and approved the demolition and building permit for a new garage at 413 N. Clay Street.
4. The committee received a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency asking for comment regarding the view of the proposed water tower from the historic district. The

committee approved the location of the proposed tower and will forward the comment to the state agency.

Alderman Bork reported of the April 23rd license and ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE &
ORDINANCE

1. Discussion of the proposed amendment to the zoning and historic preservation ordinance regarding construction of new buildings in the residential historic district. Char Behrens was in attendance and noted that the marketing for the city was geared at the historic characteristics of Mount Carroll. The historic committee would like to provide some consistency within the district in future developments. The committee decided to provide the proposed amendment information to the city attorney and ask for his legal counsel on what might be needed to consider this amendment in ordinance form.
2. Mr. Richard Frey was in attendance and he commented that he thought the city should also consider some criteria for the building of pole buildings within the city's residential areas.
3. To continue to enforce the nuisance ordinances, such as, tall weeds and grass, vehicles, and unsafe buildings.
4. To consider an ad in the newspaper about the requirements for building permits.

Alderman Schroeder reported of the April 23rd police committee meeting:

POLICE

1. Chief Hockman suggested the following for the parking spaces from the alley to Route 78 in the 100 block of East Benton Street: No Parking/Loading Zone 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. To contact the city attorney about the drafting of this ordinance.
2. Alderman Schroeder presented the police committee recommendation to hire Mr. Ryan Kloeping as a city part time police officer after he completes his PTI training and to be paid at the hourly rate now set for the part time officers when he is able to start working. Roll call vote: Alderman Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Chief Hockman reported that Police Officer Jim Burch was scheduled to see his physician this week. He would update the council about Jim's status as soon as more information was available.

RYAN KLOEPPING

Alderman Sparboe reported of the April 23rd water, sewer and streets committee meetings:

WATER & SEWER

1. Alderman Sparboe presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve a payment of \$80.00 to Mr. Richard Frey from the water fund in consideration of the water line break at the Land of Oz, Inc. property, South Mill Street, in December 2005. Roll call vote: Alderman Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Marty Beranek and Sharon Peping were in attendance to provide the MSA Project Update:
 - A. City Attorney Ronald Coplan would be meeting in City Hall on April 24th at 4 p.m. to review the legal documents for the Southeast Lane Road Project and the easements needed for the waterworks improvements projects.
 - B. MSA completed the boundary staking of the land purchased from Dr. David Saidel for the Southeast Lane Road Project. This would delineate the property boundaries for the farmer planting corn on the remainder of Dr. Saidel's property this spring.
 - C. MSA received the Application for Permit from Nicor Gas to relocate some of the existing gas main along the project route. MSA is recommending conditional acceptance of this application.

MSA UPDATE

- C. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize **NICOR GAS** the mayor to sign the application form to Nicor Gas to relocate the gas main along Southeast Lane. Roll call vote: Alderman Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
- D. Heard a report that the award notification for the CDAP grants this year might be as early as May or June.
- E. The Mt. Carroll Historic Preservation Advisory Committee have provided their review to the State Agency of any historic impact of the waterworks improvement project.
- F. MSA reported that they were addressing the initial comments presented by the IEPA of the review of the permit application for the waterworks improvement project.
- G. Marty Beranek reported that the status of the sewer siphons operation was unchanged. Mayor Bates stated he would like this matter addressed before the next meeting. If a representative From the manufacturer is needed to look at the siphons, then that needs to be done. The city should have the assurances that this new equipment will be fully operational.
3. Superintendent Handel reported of the equipment costs for the repair and **CLARIFIERS** replacement of the clarifiers at the sewerage treatment plant. He has been able to make contact with the manufacturers directly. Costs: Siemens Company of Waukesha, Wisconsin - \$30,000 and from RBC Services, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin - \$23,000. Alderman Sparboe presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize Superintendent Handel to contact RBC Services, Inc. to purchase the equipment needed to repair the clarifiers at the cost of \$23,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, Absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the April 23rd streets committee meeting:

STREETS

1. Alderman Sparboe presented the streets committee recommendation to **SUMMER HELP** hire the following for summer help: Thomas Franks at the cemetery and Jacob Bumphrey for the park and public works departments at the minimum wage hourly rate - \$6.50. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
2. To have proposals for a new mower at the next council meeting in May.
3. To consider adding West Street between Benton and Broad Streets to the blacktopping projects. The estimated cost is \$5,000.
4. Scheduling to open the park on May 1st. The restrooms were broken into recently and the urinal was damaged. This will need to be replaced before the water can be turned on.
5. Superintendent Handel reported that the only thing needed at the pool before clean up for the year is the installation of the new ladders. Have been assured it would be soon.
6. Superintendent Dauphin reported that all of the playground equipment from the old elementary school should be moved and installed at the park within the next week or so.
7. Sharon Pepin was in attendance and reported of progress with the Safe Routes to School grant application. A public information meeting was being scheduled for May 2nd or 9th depending on whether public notice could be done this week or next. Sharon stated she would notify the newspaper and would report back. Sharon expressed her appreciation to Kenneth and Diane Lego for their help with the maps and bus route information for this project.

Mayor Bates reported the tree board was working on the Arbor Day activities at the park on April 27, 2007.

TREE BOARD

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Alderman Sparboe reported of the April 24th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the brick street repair on Broadway Street. Mayor Bates noted the cost estimate from MSA for the replacement of the water main along Broadway Street was at \$84,577.50.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to INTERFUND authorize the transfer of \$4,043.63 from the school crossing fund to the TRANSFER close out the account. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation MAYFEST AD to authorize the payment of \$100 towards the publication of the city, chamber and Mayfest ad in the Mayfest brochure. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. The committee reviewed the draft budget and appropriation ordinance for the year. Estimated revenues at \$7,018,355 and estimated expenses at \$7,383,450. The clerk will have the ordinance in final draft form for the next meeting.
6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to EMPLOYEES approve a 3% salary increase for the city full time and regular part time SALARY employees for the next fiscal year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the meeting this afternoon with Mr. Duane Smith from the USDA Rural Development Agency about the rural development grant for the Southeast Lane Road Project. Discussed the timelines of the project and the bidding process once the plans are all approved by IDOT.

Mr. Leipus and Mr. Anderson were in attendance from the Friends of the FRIENDS UPDATE Waukarusa organization to report of the progress at the park and the park pavilion. Mr. Anderson also reported that they were receiving three benches as donations from a local youth group to be placed in the downtown area. He was looking to be able to place these in between the two parking lots.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC President, reported that the Mt. Carroll CCI steering committee conducted the Community Swap tour of a community yesterday. He stated they were meeting this evening to assess all of the information to be provided to the community in the future. He reported that Howard Herrell of Herrell Electric was working with the Beautification Committee to complete the electric needs for the war memorial in the courtyard square. He stated that Mr. Herrell has stated he would donate his time for this project.

Mayor Bates read the Arbor Day proclamation setting the Arbor Day activities ARBOR DAY for April 27th. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented by the mayor. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Schroeder, yes, Lego, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the resolution from the Carroll TRACTOR County Farm Bureau regarding the Antique Tractor Parade proposed for PARADE August 7th to come through Mount Carroll. After review of the resolution the council asked the clerk to

provide a copy of this information to the city attorney and the city's insurance company to see if there were any problems to be considered with this matter.

Mrs. Linda Anderson was in attendance and reported that she had a projection screen that she would donate to the city for their use. The council members thanked Mr. Anderson for her contribution.

Ms. Ann Dougherty was in attendance and asked the council to consider having a representative attend the environmental brainstorming sessions to be held on the Campbell Center campus this summer. She stated she would provide more information about the details when they were available.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Carroll County Health Department about having free mosquito larvicide for the Carroll County communities. To ask Superintendent Dauphin to check on this matter.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes as amended with the adjournment time changed to 8:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m..

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector