

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Barb King rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL

Alderman John Boelkens, Chairman of the Board in the mayor's absence, CALL TO ORDER called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL

Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the September 9, 2008 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 Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE accounts payable to date for the month of September 2008 as approved by the finance committee. Roll 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.

Alderman Boelkens noted that the grand total in the bank checking FINANCIAL REPORT accounts was at \$910,914.93 as of today. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the financial report as presented. 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 Bergren reported of the September 17<sup>th</sup> historic preservation COMMITTEES HISTORIC advisory committee meeting: PRESERVATION

1. The new signs for the historic district walking tour are done. To schedule time to install before the October activities in town.
2. A copy of the sign ordinance for the historic district is being worked on.
3. Discussed that the city attorney had noted that there was an ordinance on the books regarding teardowns/rebuilds in the historic district. None have been found, but there is an ordinance regarding dilapidated houses and what the city can do about them. But this does not address a replacement structure's architectural styles in the historic district.
4. Discussed the observations of the one downtown building.
5. Discussed the Paint Reimbursement Program. Noted the work done on the garage building in the 100 block of South Main. A wonderful example of what the program can accomplish.
6. Discussed looking for guidelines to provide certain façade designs for the downtown/commercial district areas in town.

Alderman Lego reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> license and ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. Alderman Bergren passed out information about guidelines for the Historic District Ordinance. This example was from Galena, IL relating to the teardown and rebuild of properties within the district.
2. The commercial parking issue was discussed. Committee decision to ask the city attorney to draft and ordinance to restrict commercial vehicle parking within the residential areas citywide.

3. Discussed the line of site issue with the new fence installed at the property located at the corner of Benton and Jackson Street.
4. Discussed the notice to abate/nuisance violation letters sent out by the clerk.
5. Alderman Lego presented the license and ordinance committee BUILDING INSPECTION recommendation to hire the structural engineer from MSA Professional Services, Inc. to conduct an evaluation of the building owned by Joseph Haas at the intersection of Market and Carroll Street. Total cost of \$750.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Lego reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Alderman Lego presented the cemetery board recommendation to NEW BACKHOE purchase the new backhoe from Merema Brothers with the front attachment snow blower. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to purchase the new backhoe from Merema Brothers of Fulton, IL at the cost of \$41,471 and the front attachment snow blower at the cost of \$7,456. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Alderman Lego reported that the payment of the backhoe would be divided by 80% from the cemetery funds and 20% from the city general funds and the payment of the blower attachment would be divided 20% from the cemetery funds and 80% from the city general funds.
2. Discussed the status of the concrete gutters.
3. Discussed the planting of new trees at the cemetery.
4. Superintendent Dauphin stated he would check on the signs needed at the cemetery and the park regarding the clean up after dogs.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> water and sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. The quote from Walker Process Equipment was \$96,900 for the new replacement cover for the digester at the treatment plant. This did not include the cost for a gas burner or the pressure relief valve. These would be provided in the future. The city would need to order by November 1<sup>st</sup> and delivery would be in about twelve week's time. Contracting installation would be about \$100,000.
2. Well #4 should be on line sometime this week. The work continues on Well #3 and Well #2 will remain on line until at least October 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. The water service lines are almost complete and the PRV stations are under construction. Restoration work will continue through the next month or so in preparation of the winter season.
4. Change order #6 for the Loberg Construction contract was presented. CHANGE ORDER #6 at the total cost of \$57,304.33 to increase the contract price. This included some of the investigative work on the water lines, updated the contract with some costs for the electrical work for the wells and the PRV stations and the new sidewalk on Jackson Street. No objections to this change order as presented.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> streets and building committees meeting:

STREETS AND  
BUILDING

1. The blacktopping of West Benton Street (Creamery Hill) will be finished this week.
2. Following the completion of the blacktopping project the city crew will be replacing sidewalks and reconstructing areas of the brick streets where water leaks were repaired.
3. Summer help workers are mowing part time as needed.

4. The city crew will be contacting the Lions Club about installing the equipment at Percy Park.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the building committee recommendation CITY HALL to authorize that another \$900 be allotted to the current tuck-pointing contractor to repair the lower portion of the City Hall foundation and \$2,800 to grind and tuck-point the front portion of City Hall. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Sparboe presented the building committee recommendation COMMUNITY HOUSE to accept the \$700 estimate from the tuck-pointer (J. E. Newborn) to repair the foundation of the Community House. 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 Bergren reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Hockman reported that he had ordered the new cage for the new squad car and estimates are that the new car will be delivered in a couple of weeks.
2. Discussed the letter from Chief Hockman regarding the Lions Club street solicitation request for October 4<sup>th</sup>. He reaffirmed his concern and as well representatives from IDOT about having any of the club members out at the highway intersection until the road construction is completed.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the delinquent water bills.
3. Draft copy of the tax levy worksheet was considered. Grand Total of \$193,058. To review with the mayor before drafting the ordinance.
4. Clerk Cuckler reported that the mayor would have an update of the leadership conference for this next year.

Ms. Barbara King, Mt. Carroll Chamber addressed the council about the HALLOWEEN HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS Activities scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and requested permission to conduct those activities on city property as follows:

1. Have a teen party with two live bands at the new pavilion at Point Rock Park on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.
2. Have Antique Tractor Hay Rides on the city streets on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
3. Have the wagon cemetery tours at Oak Hill Cemetery on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
4. Have a magician at the Community House for two shows on October 25<sup>th</sup>
5. Have a Halloween costume parade on October 31<sup>st</sup> along with refreshments at the Community House before trick or treating.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to allow the Mount Carroll Chamber to conduct all of the Halloween Activities in the community as stated above. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Mr. John Swiech was in attendance for the CCI People for Progress committee and reported that the action plan meeting with the city has been re-scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. He also reported that the CDC was planning to install the fence around the "Stone House" sometime this week.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve CHANGE ORDER Change order #6 in the amount of a \$57,304.33 increase to the Loberg Contract for the Water works improvements project and to authorize the mayor to sign the appropriate documents. 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 Boelkens reported that there were two letters from IDOT. One BRIDGE referenced an inspection of the Galena Street bridge and the other indicated that the city was to provide the name of a Program Manager for our local bridge structures. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to contact the IDOT district office about the two letters and determine what requirements were needed to reply. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Cuckler reported that the Fall Clean Up with Moring Disposal to pick up the bulky waste has been scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Boelkens reported that there was an electronics recycling drop off scheduled for Friday at the Extension Office parking lot.

It was noted that the city received a quote from Civil Constructors to do an asphalt cover of Benton Street from the east corporate limits to Clay Street. That was \$199,274.

Mayor Bates came into the council chambers at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Bates reported that the University of Illinois has scheduled a new leadership program without the sponsorship of the Illinois Municipal League. This would start in November and would cost about the same at the other program. He noted that the League had reimbursed the city for that registration fee. The council members present voiced their approval to authorize the mayor to attend this leadership conference.

Mayor Bates reported that Scott Gallentine of Elkay Manufacturing in Savanna, WATER COOLER IL had delivered a new water cooler for the city to install in the hallway. He stated he would have a plumber investigate the placement.

Clerk Cuckler reported of a request from Mr. Robert Schnoor, 211 S. Clay to have a moving van parked on Franklin Street on the morning of September 30<sup>th</sup>. This should still leave one lane for traffic. No objections were voiced by the council members present.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 14, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector