

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Kevin McKee 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, Eina ROLL CALL  
Schroeder, present, Doug Bergren, present, Diane Lego, present, Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes,  
Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1  
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2007 as PAYABLE  
was approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego,  
yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was  
carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the bank account balances as of February 27<sup>th</sup> on the FINANCIAL  
financial report. Total of the balances at \$741,340.32. Mayor Bates noted that REPORT  
these balances reflect the receipt of the \$300,000 bank loan and the accounts payable taken out for the  
month with the engineering statement being \$208,696.69. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman  
Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes,  
Lego, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1  
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the February 26<sup>th</sup> water and sewer committee COMMITTEES  
Meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Mayor Bates reported of meeting with Kevin McKee, President of the Savanna-Thomson State Bank regarding the new bank building to be located to the west of the Law-Jones Funeral Home. Superintendent Russell Handel said that he would like to shoot some elevations of the area. He could then tell them where the gravity flow of the sewer line would work best. The location of the building will determine whether a small force main might be needed. Superintendent Handel stated he would also contact the contracted plumber for this proposed project.
2. The MSA Project Update report was presented and included with the minutes.
3. Discussed the following regarding the Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Grant Resubmission and Other Financing Options:  
Discussed the Appropriations Request Form to US Senator Obama. Sharon Pepin provided a draft of the request form. Alderman Schroeder stated that she would contact Sharon Pepin with the council's comments.
4. It was noted that the alternating systems of the sewer siphons were not operating properly to date. Superintendent Handel stated that they were monitoring this daily and continuing to work with the contractors.
5. Discussed the temporary easement needed for the demolition of the old water tower. Superintendent Handel stated that he had talked with Mr. Dennis Benters about this matter, and he had stated that he



yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC Director, was in attendance and reported of the CCI UPDATE Competitive Communities Initiative Steering Committee activities. He stated that they were working with the Cooperative Extension to conduct a community swap. This would bring in several volunteers from another community similar to ours to critique the community and report back to the committee. Their committee will then do a similar assessment of a community. He stated the park district issue was to be on the April ballot. He also noted that one meeting was held to consider the Safe Routes to School Grant Program.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC President, reported that there are regular Saturday morning workers cleaning up the Kraft building downtown.

Mr. Steve Frederick, Mount Carroll Lions Club, was in attendance and asked the council to consider the Lions Club street solicitation on May 5, 2007 recognizing and soliciting for Diabetes Awareness. They would like to solicit again at the intersections of Main and Market Street and at the highway intersection at the south end of town. Mayor Bates noted that the official request would require the appropriate paperwork filed with the city clerk. STREET SOLICITATION

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the street solicitation request from the Methodist Church Youth Group on May 12, 2007 with a rain date of June 2, 2007. They would like to solicit at the intersections at the highway and the downtown also. Alderman Boelkens stated that he wished the organizations would find other fund raising methods. The consensus of the council was to ask the clerk to contact Kathryn Boyd, Youth Group Leader, if they would consider the June 2<sup>nd</sup> date to keep from having the solicitations on two Saturdays in a row. STREET SOLICITATION

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation's annual audit reports for the year 2002 through 2004. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MFT AUDIT

Mr. Kevin McKee, President of the Savanna-Thomson State Bank was in attendance and presented to the council the plans for their development of a bank building facility in the city along IL Route 64 near the Law-Jones Funeral Home building. They are looking to first set up a temporary facility in the funeral home parking lot before and while the new building is being constructed. Overall there would be from 6 to 8 employee positions at this new facility. The council members present thanked Mr. McKee for attending the meeting this evening and expressed their appreciation for this new development. SAVANNA-THOMSON BANK

Alderman Bergren stated he wished the council to consider adopting a building code. He expressed his concern about future commercial development, and he felt certain construction criteria should be looked at and possibly reviewed by independent building inspectors that could be contracted by the city. The council took no action.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 13, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector