

MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Len Anderson 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, ROLL CALL
Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Mark Harness, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the April 22, 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 Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the bills for the month of May 2008 to date 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.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances totaled \$723,402.63 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today with interest rates at 1.26%. Aldermen Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens 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. Mayor Bates noted that he did not pursue the investment of the revolving loan fund into a CD as there was a pending request being reviewed by the revolving loan fund board.

COMMITTEES
RECREATION
Aldermen Lego reported of the April 30th recreation board meeting:
1. The assessment of the pool building and facility was as follows: The outside of the building would need to be painted and the lifeguards can do this before opening. Some of the areas of the east and south walls need to be tuck-pointed. The cracks in the floor deck will need to be caulked. The wood is rotting on the west side in some areas and the ledge by the window on the east side. There are large pieces of asphalt in the parking lot. Asked to have the city crew check the bathroom toilets and the vacuum.
2. The board decided to raise the rates. All season passes were raised \$5.00 - \$10.00 and the daily admissions raised \$.50.
3. Deb Gallentine, manager, asked to purchase two new patron chairs and 2 new umbrellas.
4. Deb Gallentine reported she would talk with the Mount Carroll ambulance crew about replacing the wooden backboard.
5. Long term goal to replace the 5' and 8' lifeguard chairs.
6. Recommendation to hire the following: Tiffany Morhardt, Rebecca Fritz and Emily Mills as new lifeguards.
7. Deb reported that the CPR refresher course would on May24th and the pool was scheduled to open on June 6th.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the POOL EMPLOYEES hiring of Tiffany Morhardt, Rebecca Fritz, and Emily Mills as pool lifeguards for this season. 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.

Mayor Bates stated he would check with Pool Manager Deb Gallentine about the costs for the new umbrellas and chairs that were needed.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the May 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported that the summer baseball league had contacted him about having the city crew level out the ball diamonds at Point Rock Park this year. There would need to be some materials such as lime to complete this. No objections were voiced by the committee members in attendance. SUMMER BALL PROGRAM
3. Reviewed the outstanding water bills.
4. Mr. Mel Kehl, American Legion, was in attendance and reported the Legion had submitted a street solicitation request for this evening. He had another meeting to attend so he was wondering how this might be handled this evening. Mayor Bates stated that the request was for the Saturday of the Memorial Day Holiday. He stated he did not feel that this should be approved and that it has been the council's policy to deny these requests for any holiday weekend. Mr. Kehl stated he was sorry that this was the policy this could have been a good fundraiser for this organization. STREET SOLICITATION
5. Mr. Kehl asked if the water and sewer superintendent had talked with the mayor about the Baptist Church's request to get a quote for "Geo-Thermal" heating system. Mayor Bates stated that this had not been discussed and he would check on this. Mr. Kehl stated that the two companies that they have talked with require approval from the community before even considering a quote.
6. Mayor Bates reported that the revolving loan fund board was going to have another meeting on May 14th to consider a request for loan money.
7. The committee considered the request from the Mount Carroll Veterinary Clinic for reimbursement of some of their costs for the replacement of the sidewalk in front of this business. They had work done on the front landing and approach to the building and had the contractor do the front sidewalk as well. Mayor Bates stated he would check with the street superintendent about a quote for the sidewalk materials and provide that to the committee to consider any reimbursement of these costs. VET CLINIC REQUEST
8. Discussed the bank CD rates. No action taken at this time.
9. Discussed the latest payment due to Loberg Excavating. No action taken.
10. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the payment of \$100 to the Mirror Democrat for the Mayfest Ad in the newspaper and in the Mayfest flyer. 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. MAYFEST AD
11. Alderman Bork reported she had met with representatives from the Lutheran Church at the community house to consider sprucing up the facility before an anniversary worship that they would like to have there on June 29th. The list of project work as follows: COMMUNITY HOUSE
 - A. The lattice (dividers) was not on site. Would like these back. (Clerk Cuckler noted that the quilt show volunteers had borrowed these for the weekend of May 3rd.)
 - B. Questioned whether the one piano in the back corner could be removed.
 - C. Questioned whether a new smaller microwave oven could be purchased.
 - D. They would like to have better lighting and it was discussed to get energy efficient light bulbs. Would the city crew be able to get the bulbs and have them installed. To preferably have these in before anyone starts to paint the walls.
 - E. The church reps would like the black chairs taken out and they would replace with the heavy metal chairs.

- F. The light in the entryway needs to be replaced, part of this is broken.
- G. Questioned whether the Boy Scouts articles in the closets could be removed. Alderman Bork reported that she had contacted Mr. Wayne Brooks to see if someone would pick these items up. He stated that he would make arrangements to have these removed from the community house since there is no longer a troop meeting here.
- H. Timing would be a factor for them to volunteer to paint the ceiling walls and kitchen. Suggested colors if the council would approve painting: Kitchen cupboards and benches a light tan; the walls and ceiling in the main hall a very pale green and the kitchen walls white.
- I. They will be having Sunday worship service on June 29th to celebrate their anniversary. The community house was the original Lutheran Church in Mount Carroll.
- J. They would like the floor cleaned. To get a quote from Nick Naples and check to see if there are any other vendors that might do this work.
- K. The church would provide new curtains in the kitchen and the entryway.
- L. To approach the church council and the city council about having these items completed at the community house.
- M. Scheduled another meeting for May 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the community house.

Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation **COMMUNITY HOUSE** to approve the purchase of a new microwave oven, CFL light bulbs for the fixtures and repair the light in the entry way of the community house at a cost not to exceed \$200. 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. Mayor Bates stated he would check on the purchase of a new microwave oven. Alderman Bork stated she would check on quotes from Glen Simpson and Jeff Davis for the painting and will report back. Mayor Bates stated the council should also consider updating the rest rooms at some time. Possibly combining the two to make one that would be handicapped accessible.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa was in attendance and reported that a workday at the park was scheduled for June 8th.

Mayor Bates reported that a new contract was provided by Water Tower **WATER TOWER** Paint and Repair of Maguire Iron, Inc. and that would void the old contract for the maintenance of the old tower and start a new contract effective in 2011 for a ten-year period for the maintenance of the new water tower at the cost of \$2,650.00 per year. No objections were voiced by the council members present.

Mr. John Swiech, People for Progress, reported the committee would be meeting on May 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall to consider steps to tackle the action plan. Mr. Swiech presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the completion of Stage 3 of the Competitive Communities Initiative Program.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that an architect had been developing plans for the improvements to the Kraft Building.

Mr. Nick Wagner, PE, of MSA was in attendance and presented a project **MSA UPDATE** report. A copy of this will be added to the record and as a part of these minutes.

Noted the following:

A pay request was submitted by Loberg Excavating and Maguire Iron for the water works project. Pay Request #6 from Loberg in the amount of \$178,917.30 and Pay Request #3 from Maguire Iron

in the amount of \$212,292.00. These will need approval to send to the EPA for a loan request. A progress meeting regarding the water project has been scheduled for June 6th in City Hall at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Bates noted the report and cost estimate to repair the Galena Street GALENA STREET BRIDGE Bridge. Total \$191,000. Noted the possibility to pursue the Highway Bridge Program funds that would spread the costs between the state, county and city. Mayor Bates stated he would be in contact with the county highway superintendent about how to do this. He also stated that he felt the steel plates on the decking would still need to be replaced sometime this summer. This could be several thousand dollars.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to EPA LOAN REQUEST authorize the mayor to sign pay request #6 from Loberg Excavating and pay request #3 from Maguire Iron for the water works project to be submitted to IEPA for the loan disbursement. 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 Sparboe seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2008-5-1, AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING A SPECIAL 2008-5-1 USE PERMIT. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, no, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 no. Ordinance No. 2008-5-1 was adopted.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve EMPLOYEE POLICIES the annual employee policies for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009. 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.

Mrs. Sandra Cornelius, Methodist Church Trustee, was in attendance PARKING LOT and asked the council about whether the church trustees would be able to proceed with the project to develop a parking lot area north of the church building on Main Street. She stated she had met with the street superintendent this last week to go over the placement of the access points to Main Street. She noted that they would be planting some shrubs or bushes along the north boundary of the parking lot and would look to only complete the excavating and grading of the lot area this year. Aldermen Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the building permit for the development of the Methodist Church parking lot. 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.

Mr. Len Anderson stated he felt the city crew did a real good job with the curb and storm drain repair at the corner of Main and Market Street.

Mr. John Miller, owner of the Dairy Queen, expressed his appreciation to the mayor, clerk, John Swiech of the CDC and Mr. Bob Sievert, Zoning Officer, for helping with what he needed to proceed with the new improvements to his building. (This matter was addressed in Ordinance No. 2008-5-1)

Mayor Bates noted that he was asked to write a letter to IDOT requesting a community awards sign for Jacob Getz that was the 2008 FFA Dairy Placement Winner. He stated there was a copy of that letter available for review.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to ADJOURNMENT
adjourn the 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 8:40 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 27, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector