

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2007 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, absent.
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Jim Trent gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the October 15, 2007 Public Hearing, the October 23, 2007 regular meeting and the October 29, 2007 Special Meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported the financial report stated a total bank account balance FINANCIAL
of \$632,111.88. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to REPORT
approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Jan Van Buskirk reported of the Mt. Carroll Chamber proposal to secure the Gov.Office.com website for the community. The total cost through the Gov.Office company would be \$1,396. This cost would be shared between the city and the chamber of commerce. She reported that the chamber had also approved hiring Christiene Gable to do the work to set up the website for Mount Carroll. The request from the chamber was whether the city could pay \$75.00 per month for Ms. Gable's work for the first six months. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to assist the chamber in securing this website through the Gov.Office.com Company, and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city, and to approve the payment of \$450 to the chamber for the city's share of the first six months of Ms. Gable's work for the set up and maintenance of the website. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The committee discussed working on the tax levy at the next meeting. Clerk Cuckler would have the worksheet and a draft available at that meeting.
4. Mayor Bates reported that he would not be attending the next council meeting this month as he would be out of the country for his work.
5. Alderman Cooper reported of her research regarding different building codes. She reported that what she found was that many other communities in Illinois have subscribed to the International Code Council to provide the most updated International Codes and assistance once the

5. codes were adopted. Mayor Bates stated he would check with the city attorney about how the City of Sterling handles this, and he stated he would contact the mayor of Freeport, IL about who would be knowledgeable about this matter and possibly attend one of our meetings. The questions to be considered: what are the costs to the council, how would the city adopt the plans, how do we maintain or apply the codes, what are the issues to be considered regarding enforcement, and how would the city pay for a code officer?

Mr. Ed Leipus and Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported **FRIENDS** that the vandalized signs at the park have been repaired and one of those signs was broken again. They stated that they would be looking for a different location for that sign this year. They reported that there were a couple of trees down in the creek located easterly of the Galena Street bridge and asked if the city crew would want to look at this. They also reported that the winterfest activity was being changed to a spring festival at the park for this next year.

Mr. John Swiech reported of the CCI and CDC activities. The CCI steering committee were fine tuning the proposed goals and strategies to be presented to the city council and the next meeting was scheduled for November 16th at 4:30 p.m. He stated they would also be re-evaluating the community swap suggestions to see what actions were still needed.

The CDC have now removed all of the plaster from the Kraft Building and replaced some gutter along the one wall area. Mr. Swiech expressed his appreciation to Alderman John Boelkens for all of the hours he has worked at the Kraft Building since the project had started. The council and audience participated in a round of applause to recognize Alderman Boelkens volunteer service.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA Professional Services, Inc. was in attendance and **MSA UPDATE** presented the MSA Project Update.

SOUTHEAST LANE ROAD/S. JACKSON STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MSA performed a final walk through inspection with Civil Constructors and final punch list was generated. Civil has been working on the punch list and is nearly complete. Some grass in growing and filling in but significant turf establishment at this point is unlikely.

The Logosz' have expressed displeasure to the City that the rose bushes that were displaced during construction died. They were also adamant that the ornamental walking bridge be reinstalled within the ditch flow-line. This might not be advisable as it could create drainage problems. It is generally not good practice to allow private improvements within the public right-of-way. MSA points this out for the City's consideration.

PHASE 2 WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS BIDDING AND CRS

MSA has received executed contracts back with associated bonds and insurance from both Loberg Excavating and Maguire Iron. The contracts are in order and the City's copy is provided.

MSA has been corresponding with both contractors and we are currently reviewing initial shop drawing submissions.

A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for November 20th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Construction specifics will be reviewed and discussed as well as project construction schedules, etc.

Loberg Excavating's project manager will be Jeff Stykel; Maguire Iron's project manager will be Brent Stansbury.

It is recommended that the Council choose a delegate to represent the City in making daily decisions that may crop up during the construction of the project. This will ensure that construction does not come to a halt and have to wait for the next Council Meeting to make these types of decisions.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to appoint **CONSTRUCTION**

Mayor Bates and Alderman Boelkens as the city council's delegates for the interim daily decision making issues for the water works improvements projects. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Clerk Cuckler asked if a meeting could be scheduled when the engineers were here on the 20th to meet with Mr. Logosz about some of his concerns regarding the Southeast Lane Roadway Project. Mayor Bates stated that he would be available on the 20th before the pre-construction meeting at about 8:30 a.m. Nick Wagner stated that he felt that they could be available also.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2007-11-12, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY OF FAIR HOUSING. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Ms. Jan VanBuskirk, Mirror Democrat newspaper, that the editor and owner of the newspaper, Bob Watson, had approved placing City construction updates and notices about the water project in the two newspapers at no charge to the city. The council members voiced their appreciation.

Mr. Len Anderson addressed the council about the parking issues when having the car cruise nights this last summer. He stated he hoped that more improvements could be done to the parking lots that were used this last year. He stated though that he felt there was still a need for more parking somehow in the downtown area. Would the council consider changing the parallel parking on the west side of Main Street downtown to diagonal parking spaces? This would add some more parking spaces. The council members present stated that they would consider this matter.

Mayor Bates read a thank you letter from the Mt. Carroll Lions Club for the help they received from the city crew when conducting the Hearing Screening in Mount Carroll.

Mayor Bates read the thank you letter from David Guffey for the city's cooperation during the filming of his movie in Mount Carroll last month.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the November 27, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector