

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Larry DeSpain 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, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, absent, and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Paul Figie, Church on the Hill, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, present, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. MINUTES

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2011 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported that the total of the bank accounts as of today was \$544,822.56. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 19th Historic Preservation Advisory Committee meeting: COMMITTEES
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1. Old business issues discussed were the traffic on IL Route 78 in the downtown area and impact on the historic Glenview Hotel building, grant programs to look into, the implementation of the International Building Codes and landmark designations to investigate.
2. To consider activities and information projects for this year. Lead paint information possibly. To check with clerk and council about Exterior Beautification Painting Program this last year.
3. Discussed the rusty water issues in the historic properties that have been reported.
4. Alderman Bergren reported he was working on a sign ordinance and teardown ordinance for review at next month's meeting.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the January 24th water, sewer & streets committee meeting: WATER, SEWER & STS.

1. Mr. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and reported of the letter from Loberg Excavating regarding the sidewalk repair from the water project. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to accept the credit of \$500.00 from Loberg Excavating for the sidewalk repair work needed to complete the warranty items of the water project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. WATER PROJECT

2. Mr. Wagner reported that the SEARCH grant had been submitted to the USDA and a copy of this was now provided to the clerk to have on file in City Hall.
3. Superintendent Handel reported that IEPA would be in town on January 25th to inspect the sewerage treatment plant. He noted he did not anticipate any non compliance issues.

The committee meeting for all the departments in February would be on a holiday. No meeting was scheduled.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the January 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Clerk Cuckler reported she talked with Howard Herrell of Herrell Electric to get an estimate for heat coils in the City Hall eaves and down spouts.
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation CAR CRUISE to reconsider the contribution towards the entertainment for the Car Cruises this year and go back to \$400 that was designated in the fall. Mr. Len Anderson noted that he hoped the council would consider the \$800 again as the other has been paid by one business the last couple of years. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, no, Cooper, no, Lego, yes, Bergren, no, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 2 yeses, 3 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates noted the motion was not approved so the amount of \$800.00 towards the Car Cruise Night Activities would stand. The city would be getting another distribution of property taxes this summer so funding from the band fund should be able to handle all of the commitments for the year with this.
4. Discussed the remodeling of the community house bathrooms.
5. The committee asked the clerk to have a budget worksheet available to the council by the second finance committee meeting in February.
6. Clerk Cuckler reported of the FEMA grant monies to come to City for the summer flood damages.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the coffee shop in the Kraft building was progressing and should be opening in February.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the Mayor's signature to the Illinois Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the preliminary engineering for the Galena Street Bridge replacement project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The total cost for this part of the project was estimated at \$160,000. The Federal share of bridge funds would be 80%, the county 10%, and the city 10%. The county had approved and now the city has it would be submitted to the State for approval. AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

Mr. Larry DeSpain, 116 E. Market Street, was in attendance and addressed the council about his concern with the traffic along Illinois Route 78 through the downtown area. With the proximity of the roadway to his building (the historic Hotel Glenview Hotel building) and the increased semi truck traffic he was noticing vibrations and shaking of his building. He was very concerned about damage to the structure. He has contacted the Department of Transportation and State Representative Sacia about this matter. He would like to see if a reduced speed limit through this area would help. He stated he was told that the City would need to ask for the State to consider a speed limit reduction and he was asking the council to consider this. HOTEL GLENVIEW BUILDING

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to send a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation to request a lower speed limit on Route 78 in town stating the concern for the town's historic structures next to the highway. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated he was not going to be able to attend the Municipal Financial Summit in Freeport, IL on Wednesday, January 26th, and he asked if any of the council would be able to go. Alderman Cooper stated that she might be able to attend part of the meeting in the afternoon.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to go EXECUTIVE SESSION into executive session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 8:30 p.m. OPEN SESSION

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve MSA TASK ORDER the contract with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to conduct an engineering study of a parcel of property at the cost of \$4,250.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Risko, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approve these minutes at the February 8, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector