

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Dr. Alan Schroeder rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF THE 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 Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Wayne Carvell, Church on a Hill, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the December 22, 2009 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 Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2010 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 accounts grand total was \$766,209.34 as FINANCIAL REPORT  
of today. Alderman Bork 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 Sparboe reported of the January 12<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE  
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.  
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommenda- FLOOD INSURANCE  
tion to approve the flood insurance coverage renewal for the sewer plant, with the same limits as last year, at a cost of \$704 with the Selective Insurance Company of Southeast. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.  
3. The committee discussed the Norwest Surveying bill for the Commercial Street extension proposed by the adjoining property owners.  
4. Discussed the letter from the Church of God regarding the repair of the sidewalk along the 800 block of South Jackson Street. To review with the Street Department the costs and work schedule.  
5. Alderman Sparboe reported that Emily Bressler had contacted him about summer band concerts for this year. To report back with a proposal.  
6. Mayor Bates noted that he received a letter from the area Girl Scouts about the kick off of the Girl Scout cookie sales this month.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and reported that Loberg MSA PROJECT REPORT  
Excavating was in the process of submitting the final contract paperwork. He provided a copy of Change order #18 which included the contractor additional insurance costs, the wage rate increases from August 2009 through December 2009 and a few credits. The total contract increase was \$1,827.29. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve Change order #18 as stated above for the water works improvements project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes,

Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

CHANGE ORDER #18

Mr. Wagner reported that they had contacted the IEPA Compliance Assurance Section to inform them that the project was completed. This concludes the requirements of the City’s Compliance Commitment Agreement with the State.

Dr. Alan Schroeder, President of the Humane Society of Carroll County, HUMANE SOCIETY was in attendance and addressed the council regarding financial support towards their efforts to relieving animal suffering by reducing the pet overpopulation as well as provide food to lower income residents in order for them to be able to keep their pets versus some of the alternatives. They were not able to hold the street solicitation in Mount Carroll recently due to the road construction. This and other sources have reduced the funds available to the organization when the needs are greater. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the contribution of \$300 to the Humane Society of Carroll County. 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.

Alderman Bork asked if this organization solicited to or in other communities in the county. Dr. Schroeder stated that they have done the street solicitation in Savanna and Thomson, and he noted that they would be approaching the other communities as they have here tonight.

The consensus of the council members present was to table the resolution creating a Community Brand.

Mrs. Marge Knirlberger, 109 E. Pleasant Street, was in attendance and expressed her concern regarding the council’s decision to pay for the food that is provided to the feral cats in town. She noted some of her experiences with the cats she has in her neighborhood and she would like to see more efforts to change the cat population in town.

The council members present voiced their approval to contact the “Rivers to Ridges” organization to provide a presentation about this tourism marketing group.

The council members present voiced their approval to ask the clerk to send a copy of the draft ordinance regarding establishing responsible bidder requirements on public works projects to the city attorney for his review and comment. PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 26, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector