

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Randy Prasse 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman John Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Mark Harkness, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Pastor Harkness noted that this was his last act as pastor in Mount Carroll he would be going to another community. The council members present voiced their appreciation to Pastor Harkness and wished him well.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the August 24, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2010 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances totaled \$658,854.06 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the August 30th cemetery board meeting at the CEMETERY cemetery to look at the old stones to be considered for repair. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve hiring Ivey Monument to repair the six (6) stones noted on the cemetery board minutes at a cost not to exceed \$1,325.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. The consensus of the council members present was to have Alderman Bork contact Law-Jones Funeral Home about repairing a few of the other more hazardous stones at a fee that would not exceed \$1,675.00. She would report back about what stones from the past listing that would be considered.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the September 14th finance committee FINANCE meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Prasse of the TCEDA was in attendance regarding the funding request to help with the Small Business Development Center start up. The proposed cost to the cities the first year was at about \$1.50 per capita. For Mount Carroll that would be \$2,425.00 or \$606.25 per quarter. This matter was continued to the council meeting as time had run out for this meeting. After discussion Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to table this matter. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates asked Mr. Prasse to report back to the council about their contacts with other government bodies.

Mayor Bates noted that the finance committee had another item on the INSURANCE BIDDING agenda for consideration. Clerk Cuckler noted that the commercial bids were to be submitted to the

City by November 5th. She asked if the council would schedule a finance meeting shortly after that to open the bids to be reviewed before the 1st regular meeting in November. The finance committee meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall to open the insurance proposals.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the floors CDC-KRAFT BLDG. at the Kraft Building were getting the staining and seal applied this week.

Mr. Steve Haring, MSA, was in attendance and reported of some grant programs that were available for parks and recreation through the State and water, sewer and storm water planning through the USDA. He reported that Mr. Nick Wagner of MSA had met with the contractors for the water project and the city staff just this last week to go over the 11-month inspection.

Mayor Bates reported that he was informed that there would not be any grant monies available this year for what was being considered for the Community House bathroom improvements. To review the plan again for this project.

Mayor Bates stated he would like to coordinate another few work days this month to repair some of the brick street dips on Main Street.

The council considered the appraisal information presented by Main Street WATER TOWER Appraisal for the old water tower property located on Turnbaugh Street. The value was \$350. City Attorney Ronald Coplan noted that this was a very small lot and it might be possible to limit the negotiation for sale with only the adjoining property owners. Mayor Bates stated that he felt there was only one property owner that would be interested. Mrs. Sherrie Benters, one of the adjoining property owners to the west of this property stated that she and her husband were not interested in purchasing this parcel next to them. City Attorney Coplan stated that he would get back to the mayor or clerk about what more needed to be done to settle this matter.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan reported that he had been in contact with the JO CARROLL attorney for Jo Carroll Energy about the agreement to place an antenna on the ENERGY City water tower. Mayor Bates stated that the compensation verbally agreed upon was to receive \$350 per month for two years and \$450.00 per month after that.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the street STREET solicitation request by the Lions Club for October 9th at the downtown and SOLICITATION highway intersections. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, and Lego, absent. Vote: 3 yeases, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2010-9-5, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FILLING, 2010-9-5 GRADING, LEVELING, ALTERING OR TRANSFORMING OF REAL PROPERTY.

Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2010-9-5 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. To discuss the ordinance with the City Zoning Officers and consider whether the fee structure and appeals process should be different from what is used for the building permits at this time.

Mayor Bates reported that the City received the grant for the Energy ENERGY GRANT

Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant administered by the Blackhawk Hills R, C, & D to improve the ornamental street lighting. The project total is \$15,600 and the grant is for 75% at \$11,700.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development for the Energy Grant. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent, Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Resolution RESOLUTION FOR TIF No. R09-2010-6, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO INDUCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, with the inclusion of the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law in Section 2 and Section 4. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates reported this was in reference to a current business owner in town looking to purchase the property at 113 W. Market Street to relocate for more space to expand the business.

Mrs. Sherrie Benters, Mrs. Betty Smith, and Mrs. Jeanne Schnitzler were in attendance and addressed the council about experiencing rusty, murky, smelly water into their households since the improvements have been made to the water system. They expressed their frustration and distress. Mayor Bates noted that these households were at different areas of town and stated that he would contact the city engineers and the water superintendent to consider the city's problem and options. He stated that they would have these individuals together at the committee meeting night on September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lorna May, Adrienne's Angels Pet Rescue, was in attendance and requested to conduct a street solicitation at the highway and downtown intersection on October 23rd. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the street solicitation request as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, and Lego, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 1 no, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Police Chief Cass was in attendance and noted he provided a report for month of the September and stated that the department had received another alcohol testing device for the squad car from the Carroll County Substance Education Coalition. This provides one of these devices in each of the squad cars.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Alderman Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 28, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector