

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 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, Alderman John Boelkens, present, Nina ROSS, present, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, absent, Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, absent. ROLL CALL
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend David Vidler, First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Carroll, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the July 22, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, absent, Sparboe, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2008 as PAYABLE approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Sparboe, absent, Bork, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances totaled \$848,000.72 as of FINANCIAL REPORT today. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bork, absent, Bergren, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 12th finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to WEBSITE authorize the payment of up to \$2,069.00 towards the hosting, maintenance and upgrades to the city/chamber website. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, absent, Sparboe, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The committee discussed the damages from the severe storm on August 4th.
4. Several items to consider at the next meeting: the review of the garbage charges and the annual tax levy.

Mayor Bates reported of the August 7, 2008 license and ordinance committee LICENSE & meeting: ORDINANCE
1. Alderman Lego as License & Ordinance committee chair discussed the COURT ORDER letter she received from City Attorney Ronald Coplan. In it he outlined the status of the action the City has taken to have a homeowner on Carroll Street clear the long standing debris and refuse from his property. The order was entered in court on July 30, 2008 and the next court date is September 9, 2008. The homeowner is to clear the property by that time. Attorney Coplan suggested that the City has a representative available to give the homeowner guidance on what needs to be done. A discussion of the necessary steps and standards for acceptable debris clearance followed:
1) No refuse or debris will be stored on the property
2) Equipment will be housed out of sight
3) Exterior items such as lawn/garden ornaments must be well maintained

Alderman Cooper and Street Superintendent Dauphin will meet with the homeowner to clarify the action and outcome needed under the court order.

2. Mayor Bates stated that there are several other properties in unsafe or with debris/refuse issues that also require action. Letters will be sent to these owners as a first step to rectify these conditions. Mayor Bates noted that he had a meeting with the city attorney last week and they did drive around town and identified about five other properties to make contact with the owners about property maintenance.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported that they had **PARK TREES** contacted Spangler's Landscaping about the new trees at the park. Mayor Bates and Mr. Anderson noted that there were a lot of trees in town that were uprooted or damaged from the storm.

Mr. John Swiech was in attendance and reported of the activities of the People for Progress Committee through the Competitive Communities Initiative Program. Looking at a downtown façade program with the historic preservation committee and have the new directional signage up to Lake Carroll.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that they have agreed to another year with the Extension cooperative services. He also reported that the project estimate to complete the first floor renovation of the Kraft building have come to \$333,975. Have invested to date up to \$106,000. The expectations are that they would be able to open the first floor by next spring.

Mr. Nick Wagner, PE for MSA, was in attendance and presented a status **MSA UPDATE** update of the projects with the City:

1. A meeting has been scheduled at the treatment facility for August 20th with a representative from Walker Process Equipment to discuss the digester cover replacement options and costs. This company is a manufacturer.
2. Nick reported that the Southeast Lane Roadway Project was pretty well completed. He provided Change Order #3 in the amount of \$18,181.50 to balance out all of the final quantities for the project. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign Change Order #3 for the Southeast Lane Roadway Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, absent, Sparboe, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Regarding the water improvements project, the Well #4 general building construction is nearing completion with electrical and plumbing work to be finished. Nick provided Change Order #5 that includes the changes for the electrical and telephone service extensions. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign Change Order #5 for the water works improvements project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Sparboe, absent, Bork, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried. Nick reported that the Well #3 footing and foundations walls have been poured and the underslab construction has started. Well #3 will be taken off line this week to complete the construction work; Well #2 will remain on line until Well #4 is completed which is scheduled for September 8. The water main construction continues and is scheduled to be completed by early September.
4. Nick provided Payment Application #5 in the amount of \$29,250.01 for Maguire Iron for the water tower project. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve Payment Application #5 as presented and authorize the mayor's signature so this can be submitted to IEPA for the loan disbursement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bork, absent, Bergren, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and

- 3 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Nick provided a draft of the fifth newsletter about the water project. Alderman Cooper expressed her appreciation to Nick for putting these together. Mayor Bates expressed his appreciation also and wished it noted to also thank the Mirror Democrat newspaper for printing the newsletters at no extra cost to the city.
 6. Nick reported that the next construction status meeting was scheduled for September 5th.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the LOAN REQUEST Mayor to sign Draw #9 loan request to IEPA in the amount of \$70,850.00 for the water works improvements project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bergren, absent, Sparboe, absent, and Bork, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted the letter of July 28, 2008 from Mr. Gary Gehlbach, Attorney COLEHOUR At Law for Ehrmann, Gehlbach, Badger & Lee of Dixon, IL. The letter states that PROPERTY a parcel of property owned by Evelyn and Wylma Colehour on which the Shaw's Grocery Store is located includes a part of Madison Street on the east and Cherry Alley on the west of the store. It is their understanding the there was no vacation of these streets on record. In order for the Colehour's to sell the property they would need a record of the vacation of these streets or a letter from the City that there was no intention of improving these streets in the future. Mayor Bates noted that the city attorney has responded to Mr. Gehlbach's letter and that action should be tabled until more is provided from the attorneys. No action was taken by the council members present.

Mayor Bates presented Mr. Kurt Brunner's resignation from the planning commission.

Reverend David Vidler asked the council if there were any problems holding the Ministerial Association family gathering on September 13, 2008 on the Main Street from Franklin Street to Washington Street. They would wish to have the street blocked off from 6-8 p.m. No objections were voiced by the council members present.

Mayor Bates acknowledged the request for a street solicitation activity by the Knights of Columbus on September 20th. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with one of the members about this that the permission would be limited if the state highway intersection was still under construction. This would be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

Mayor Bates noted that he had received a draft of the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan. He would be bringing this into City Hall for more members to review. The county would be looking for a resolution of support from all of the communities in the future.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Sparboe, absent, Bork, absent, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 0 noes, and 3 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 26, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

