

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Mark Harkness, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the August 11, 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 Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2009 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 that the total of the bank accounts as of today FINANCIAL REPORT was at \$672,115.44. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens 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.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Bergren reported of the August 19th historic preservation HISTORIC PRESERVATION advisory committee meeting:

1. Under new business the committee discussed the topics and information to have available at the August 20th town hall meeting and options for adopting the International Building Codes.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 24th license & ordinance LICENSE & ORDINANCE committee meeting:

1. Alderman Bork reported that she had contacted the city attorney about the delinquent water bills and the options for collection. She passed around the response she received.
2. Discussed procedures for bidding projects under the statutory limit of \$20,000. Alderman Cooper stated that she would provide some policies for the city to consider.
3. Delinquent water bills were reviewed.

Alderman Lego reported of the August 24th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Reviewed proposed policies and fees for the city cemetery. To provide input at the next meeting.
2. Mayor Bates reported of Gene Teeter's request to place new signs at the entrance and roadway intersections at the cemetery. He would like to install and pay for the new sign that would be placed at the entrance with a new map and asked if the city would pay for the new directional signs proposed: 8 signs at a total cost of \$2,200 from Crippen Sign Corporation. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve the NEW SIGNS purchase of the eight new signs from the Crippen Sign Corporation at the cost of \$2,200.00 Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

3. Alderman Lego provided photos of the stones that were repaired in the old section at the cemetery.
4. Discussed updating the burial listing in the book at the cemetery.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 24th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Jake Ehmke, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the current projects. To note that he reviewed what was being done to get well #2 on line.
2. Discussed the water service to the Charles Colehour property at 211 E. Commercial Street and the Betty Smith property at 206 W. Rapp Street. Superintendent Handel was directed to get some cost estimates to have these water lines repaired and to report back.
3. It was noted that the outside light at well house #2 would be of at night.

Mayor Bates reported of the project update presented by Sharon Pepin, CFPS:

1. Reviewed the status of the EPA loan for the water project.
2. Discussed the prevailing wage issue submitted by Loberg Excavating for the water project. The consensus of the committee was to ask the mayor to set up a meeting with a representative from Loberg Excavating along with the city attorney and Sharon Pepin to consider the wages and the administrative costs presented.
3. Noted there was one final form for the close out of the EDA grant for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Mayor Bates presented the streets committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the required final documents for SE LANE PROJECT the close out of the EDA grant with IDOT for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 24th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Hockman reported that he received notification from the State Training board that Officer Lambert was waived from any other training in order to work for the city as a part time officer.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Reviewed the possible uncollectible line items regarding the water and sewer bills. To take out of the listing the trailer court old bills and consider the action to take to the trailer court owner for these old accounts. The clerk is to provide another listing with these accounts out of the total at this time.
3. Mr. Dennis Pate, Moring Disposal, Inc., was in attendance MORING DISPOSAL and reported of the new trucks being used for the residential pick up. Denny provided a newsletter that could be used for a mailing to the residents. Consensus to ask the clerk to provide mailing labels of the residential garbage users so Moring can send this out. To consider a date for the October bulky waste pick up.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$48,000 from the Bond Reserve Fund to the Sewer Fund, and \$48,000 from the Debt Service Fund to the Sewer Fund in order to meet expenses for this month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommenda- INTERFUND TRANSFER

tion to authorize the interfund transfer of \$4,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund in order to meet expenses for this month. 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.

6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve sending a letter to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund that the City would assume the ARC employer contribution rate for calendar year 2010 at the projected 13.09%. 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.
7. Alderman Boelkens reported that there was not a very big crowd at the Foster Court band concert last weekend.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 20th town hall meeting.

Alderman Cooper reported of the August 20th Blackhawk Waterways annual meeting.

Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported of the review of the bidding for the Kraft Building Project. He reported of meeting with a contractor to look at the Community House bathrooms for cost estimates to renovate these and meet the ADA regulations. The David Allan Badger book signing has been scheduled for November 14th.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve STREET SOLICITATION the street solicitation request from the Knights of Columbus for September 12th at the downtown and highway intersections in town. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, no, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, no. Vote: 4 yeses and 2 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2009-8-4, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN 2009-8-4 ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 320 NORTH MAIN STREET, CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 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.

Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise Night organizer, was in attendance and CAR CRUISES reported that the last car cruise night for this year would be September 19th. He stated that there are four dates for next year that have been considered as long as the city would continue sponsorship. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the city sponsoring the four nights for the 2010 car cruise activities and authorize the contribution of \$400 from the band fund for the music entertainment. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk of the Mirror Democrat newspaper reported that there were three men that she was aware of that were returning home from Afghanistan this week. Discussed some sign recognition for the returning servicemen.

Mr. Tom Cravatta, Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance and reported of his difficulty in securing a location to have this year's Oktoberfest beer tent.

He also wanted to express his concern that the utility extension project for East Commercial Street was not underway yet. He would be hooking up his business to the services when this was done, and he was

hoping for sooner than later. Mayor Bates noted that we did have both of the permits now from the IEPA.

Mr. Tony Malone, ESI Consultants, was in attendance and introduced himself to the council. He is with an engineering firm that worked with Sharon Pepin on the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Their main office is in Naperville, IL, however he works out of the Elizabeth, IL office.

Alderman Bork reported that she had talked with Illinois Governor Quinn recently and he had stated that he had not forgotten about the Thomson prison in Carroll County.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC & Chamber, asked about closing portions of Main Street and Rapp Street for the Brick Street Saturday activities on September 5th and holding the "Duck Pluck" fundraiser at Point Rock Park in the creek. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the closing of the streets as proposed and holding the duck pluck at the park for the September 5th Brick Street Day activity. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported he received two quotes for the survey of the property SURVEY WORK adjacent to the park that could be considered for purchase. The quote from MSA Professional Services was not to exceed \$2,000 and the quote from L.J. Eaton Land Surveying, Ltd. was not to exceed \$1,200. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the quote from L.J. Eaton Land Surveying to conduct the required survey work of the property adjacent to the park at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. 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.

Mayor Bates asked Mr. Malone if his firm conducted building structure inspections. Mr. Malone stated that they did. Mayor Bates stated that he would like to have their firm provide a quote for the inspections of a couple of buildings in town. He would provide him with the information to consider a quote.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to ADJOURNMENT 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 8:46 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 8, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector