

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Mark Roach 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Sparboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the September 8, 2009 regular meeting as amended with Lou Wight giving the invocation  
and not Dan Wight as was written. 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 Boelkens seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 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 bank account balances were at \$644,168.89 FINANCIAL REPORT  
as of today. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren 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 Bergren reported of the September 21<sup>st</sup> license & ordinance COMMITTEES  
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussed several ordinance and nuisance violations and issues regarding junk piles in yards, tall weeds and grass, the parking of tandem trailers, and one of the special use permit locations.
2. It was noted that the "no engine braking" signs for the highway would be placed once the permits were issued by the State.
3. Discussed the fall leaf burning season.
4. Discussed the downtown building located at the intersection of Market and Carroll Street with the bowed wall. The property owner had indicated he would talk through a third party with the City to negotiate a resolution.

Alderman Lego reported of the September 21<sup>st</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussed a complaint about the mowing this year.
2. Questioned whether the adjoining property owner has his boat parked in the cemetery street right-of-way.
3. Discussed the problems with allowing pets in the cemetery.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the September 21<sup>st</sup> water & sewer WATER & SEWER  
committee meeting:

1. Sharon Pepin, grant and loan consultant provided a draft of the water project expense break down and the loan payback information.
2. Sharon Pepin reported that there is more CDAP money to resubmit the CDAP grant application for the Commercial Street extension project.

3. It was reported that well #2 was not ready yet to be hooked into the system. Might need to contact another company to treat the well.
4. Have tentatively scheduled the demolition of the old water tower for September 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. Discussed some changes that would be needed at the waterworks facility for the electric meters and hook ups. MSA will consult with the electric company about what was going to be needed.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 21<sup>st</sup> streets and park committee meeting: STREETS & PARK

1. Discussed the pending survey of the adjoining property to the park. The amount of land might not be as was first thought when considering this purchase.
2. Discussed moving one set of swings from Point Rock Park to Percy park.
3. Alderman Sparboe reported the Methodist Church board would be reviewing the proposal for a passenger drop off area in front of the church.
4. The committee members asked the street superintendent to pursue proposals for the removal of a pine tree along Foster Court. To get up to two written proposals.
5. Discussed the natural spring and waterways along the Aspen Park subdivision and along Mill Street.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates provided a copy of the survey done by Lyle Eaton of the Law property adjacent to the City park. A certified copy will be provided to the city and the matter should be considered at the next council meeting. PORTABLE TOILETS
3. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the rental of a portable toilet to be used at the "burning grounds" area along Galena Street for the fall season while the Thomson Correction Facility work crew would be able to clean and stack the paving bricks. 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 September 17<sup>th</sup> People for Progress meeting. He noted that the Brick Street Workshop was being coordinated into Campbell Center's 2010 course offerings and the committee was developing a directional sign plan to be presented to the city council soon.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported that the beautification committee had been developing more planting sites in town that require maintenance and watering. They have received a used golf cart that could have a water tank installed on it for the cost of the materials at \$250. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the repair of this cart at the cost of \$250 to be paid by the city and to secure a site for storage with the city department head employees. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that the next item on the agenda was the petition for PETITION re-zoning submitted by Tom and Nola Charles. Property location at 108 South East Street, Mount Carroll, IL. By the legal description the parcel contained .214 acres. The petitioners request that the property be re-classified from the R2, Medium Density Residence District to an I, Industry District, and that the current structures would be repaired and used for storage and light manufacturing. Mayor Bates

and City Attorney Coplan reported that the City Planning Commission met on September 10, 2009 and recommended that the city council deny the reclassification from an R2 district to an I district, however, provided another motion to recommend the council consider a special use permit with the industrial use to last as long as the Charles' run the business and that it could be continued under different ownership if the intent of the business was the same. City Attorney Coplan explained the reasoning for tailoring the property under a special use permit and noted that the blanket industrial zoning could open up the parcel to something that might be obnoxious to the residential area in the future. Alderman Sparboe stated that this was a very small parcel to be considered for other intrusive industries. Mayor Bates, and Alderman Bergren, and Cooper stated that they felt the business that was now in a building not far from this one could expand into this area without any problems, however, they felt it should be under a special use permit and would work with the Charles' to negotiate this. Tom and Nola Charles were in attendance and stated that they felt if they were going to rebuild this property and put a lot of money into this that they would not get their investment back out of it without the industrial zoning. Several adjoining property owners and audience members voiced their approval of the Charles' request. Alderman Sparboe moved to approve the petition submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Charles and change the zoning for this parcel to an industrial zoning district. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, present, Boelkens, no, Cooper, no, Lego, yes, Bergren, no, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 2 yeses and 4 noes. The motion was denied. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to continue with the Charles' to develop a special use permit for the use of this property. 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 Bergren asked Mr. and Mrs. Charles to please consider this option.

Mr. Tom Cravatta of the Mt. Carroll Chamber was in attendance and OKTOBERFEST provided an update of the Oktoberfest activities coming up. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve contributing \$800 from the City band fund towards the music entertainment for this activity. 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.

The council discussed the adoption of the International Building Codes BUILDING CODES for the City. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the membership into the ICC International Commission and purchasing the sample building codes for review by the city council at a cost up to \$200. 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.

Mr. Mac Airhart was in attendance and addressed the council about the reclassification matter considered earlier this evening. He stated his father was an adjoining property owner to the north of this parcel. He stated that he felt the city council did the proper action and expressed his appreciation.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the letter from the West Carroll School Superintendent Craig Mathers about purchasing signs for the recognition of the girl's softball team fourth place standing in the state tournament. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the arrangement with the school to pay for the purchase of one sign with the school purchasing another to be placed at two entrances into the city. 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.

RECOGNITION SIGNS

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 13, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector