

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Percy Vesperman 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, Nina ROLL CALL
Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork,
present.
Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Mark Harkness, Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the August 12, 2008 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 Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS
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, Bergren, here,
Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 present and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the total of all of the bank accounts was at FINANCIAL
\$838,415.42. He noted the shortfall in the sewer fund and the recreation fund. REPORT
Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the
interfund transfer of \$3,000.00 from the general fund to the recreation fund and \$3,000.00 from the
enterprise bond & interest sinking fund (debt service) to the sewer fund in order to meet expenses for the
month. 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. INTERFUND TRANSFER
Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as
presented. 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 20th historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES
committee meeting: HISTORIC
PRESERVATION

1. Under old business the committee members discussed the signs needed for the walking tour.
Discussed the ordinances under consideration. Discussed the downtown building in need of
repair. Discussed the Downtown Enhancement Program and the Paint Reimbursement Program.
2. Under new business the committee discussed finding guidelines for different façade construction
in the commercial district.

Mayor Bates noted that there was mention again about the “downtown building in need of repair”. He
asked the city attorney about this matter. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and discussed
the legislation in the Illinois Municipal Code that would provide the process to the city council to pursue
investigating and possibly correcting what was determined to be a safety hazard.

Alderman Lego reported of the August 25th license and ordinance committee LICENSE & ORD.
meeting:

1. Tall weeds and grass; need to make contact with:
Gerald Schubert regarding garage area on Mill Street

Pete Kauffman's garage area at the corner of East and Benton Streets

Nick Naples regarding the weeds at the old school building property on Main Street

Law's Excavating on East Benton Street

Property located at the corner of Washington and College

Regarding the nuisance complaint, Alderman Cooper reported that Mr. Lartz had been contacted and given direction for his clean up.

2. Discussed the fence installed at the corner of Benton and Jackson Streets. Need to look up the building permit and check to see if it meets the specs provided. There is a line of site hazard noticed by the mayor and the city attorney. To follow up with a letter to the property owner.
3. Discussed the building of fences and guidelines. Boundary line issues, height and a survey or GIS information from the county.
4. Discussed liquor licenses and Mayor Bates reported that he had issued a license to the Mobil Convenience Store.
5. To ask the city attorney about how to establish a local fine to the liquor establishments that could be fined for selling alcohol to patrons less than 21 years of age.

After discussion of the issue presented under item #5 above City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that he would investigate the statute for this provision, and the question would be whether the fine would precede the State.

Alderman Lego reported of the August 25th cemetery board meeting:

CEMETERY

1. One bid was received for the new backhoe/loader. Merema Brothers of Fulton, IL at the cost of \$41,471 with the additional snow blower attachments at \$7,456 for a front mount blower and \$3,700 for the rear mount blower. After discussion it was the consensus to review the feasibility of this purchase, to check the warranty information, and have Superintendent Dauphin look at the proposal.
2. Frank Nester reported that he had received complaints about the trimming of the grass around the grave stones. They are trimming down to the dirt up to 6-8 inches from the stones and there is concern about the settling or movement of the stones.
3. To check into planting some trees at the cemetery in the fall.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 25th water and sewer committee meeting:

WATER & SEWER

1. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and presented the MSA progress report.
 - A. Discussed the treatment plant digester cover replacement. Superintendent Handel stated that he was waiting for more information from the manufacturer before he would be able to say what the crew might be able to do to install this. The cost to manufacture the cover was estimated at \$150,000.
 - B. The final payment application to Civil Constructors was presented for council approval. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the payment of the final payment application to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$20,104.04 for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
 - C. Regarding the Water supply project the contractors were completing the work on Well #4 and had pulled Well #3 last week. Nearly all of the water main construction was installed. A payment application for Loberg Construction was presented. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the mayor's signature for the Loberg Constructors Payment Application #9 in the amount of

\$288,239.09 to then be submitted to the EPA for a loan disbursement. 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.

- D. The field erection of the water tower was progressing and this part should be completed by sometime mid-September.
- E. The next project status meeting was scheduled for September 5, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in City Hall.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 25th streets committee meeting: STREETS

- 1. Superintendent Dauphin reported that he had talked with a representative from Civil Constructors about a quote to blacktop Benton Street. He was to get a quote and would report back.
- 2. It was reported that the new park equipment for Percy Park was delivered. Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with Percy Vesperman of the Lions Club and he had stated that the Lions Club might be able to help with some financial support or construction workers.
- 3. Discussed summer help workers. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the high school students are going to help after school for a time.
- 4. Mr. Jim Warfield was in attendance and reported of the chronic pot holes in the parking lots around his property. Superintendent Dauphin stated that he would check the area and provide some options for repair.

Alderman Bork reported of the August 25th building committee meeting: BUILDING

- 1. Opened bids for the City Hall Tuck Pointing Project
 - A. Dan Becktel of Mt. Carroll, IL; Materials and Labor - \$11,240.00
 - B. J.E. Newborn of Warren, IL; Grind and Retuckpointing - \$3,450.00
 - C. Renaissance Restoration of Galena, IL; Tuck point, brick replacement and mortar analysis, if required - \$17,850.00

It was suggested to have Alderman Bork and Superintendent Dauphin to meet with Mr. Newborn about the project. Mayor Bates stated he would call him to possibly set up a meeting.

BID APPROVAL

Mayor Bates stated he had talked with Mr. Newborn today and that he was satisfied that Mr. Newborn was going to complete the project as would be needed and use the appropriate mortar. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve and accept the proposal submitted by J.E. Newborn for the tuck pointing project to the city hall wall at the cost of \$3,450.00. 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 Bergren reported of the August 25th police committee meeting: POLICE

- 1. Opened bids for new squad car
 - A. Kunes Country Auto Group of Mt. Carroll, IL quoted a 2009 Crown Victoria model at the cost of \$17,428.32 with trade in.
 - B. Barkau Automotive of Stockton, IL quoted a 2009 Chevrolet Impala model at the cost of \$18,100.00 with trade in.

Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation to accept BID APPROVAL and approve the proposal submitted by Kunes Country Auto Group of Mount Carroll, IL for the 2009 Crown Victoria Model Police patrol Vehicle at the cost of \$17,428.32 with trade in. 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.

2. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize CLASS APPROVAL the attendance to the DUI Field Sobriety Class by Police Officer Matt Magill in Milledgeville, IL on September 9th through the 11th with wages paid for his time. 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.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 26th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed the tax levy worksheet. To review before the next finance committee meeting.
3. Mayor Bates and Alderman Bork reported of the meeting in Pontiac, IL regarding the State prison systems and the feasibility of the opening of the Thomson prison.
4. Discussed the water broken water fountain in City Hall. To check on options for replacement.

Mr. John Swiech, CCI People for Progress Committee, was in attendance and reported that the August meeting was devoted to going over the action plan items with the Mt. Carroll CDC. He stated they have scheduled a like meeting to go over the action plan items with the city in September. He asked if several members from the council would please attend.

Mayor Bates asked Mr. Swiech to have the Mount Carroll CDC provide some of the planning options for the "Old Stone Building". He noted he was concerned about the safety issues as the fencing around the building had deteriorated.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the request from STREETS the attorney representing Evelyn and Wylma Colehour to consider the vacation of two streets, Cherry Alley and Madison Street, that appeared to be in conflict with the sale of the property that they owned where the Shaw's grocery store is now located. Mayor Bates also noted that it appeared on their drawing that the building was constructed on a portion of the roadway as well. City Attorney Ronald Coplan stated that it would be up to the council if they agreed to the vacation of these streets to consider if any compensation was required or just to agree to a certain fee that would reimburse the city for any expenses. He noted that the correspondence and drafting of the ordinance might incur fees of about \$500. The consensus of the council members present was to agree to the reimbursement compensation and ask the city attorney to write a letter to the attorney for the Colehours of this decision.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item was the street solicitation request from STREET the Knights of Columbus for September 20th at the highway intersection and the SOLICITATION downtown street intersection. He stated that he felt as long as the State highway construction was not completed he was not in favor of the street solicitations at the highway intersection. Mr. Percy Vesperman of the Mt. Carroll Lions Club was in attendance and addressed the council about this matter. He stated that the Lions Club would be having Candy Day in October and this would be a hardship not to be able to be out on the highway. He stated that the club would be meeting next week and he would come back to the council with a request or an alternative. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to grant the street solicitation request for the Knights of Columbus to be able to solicit at the downtown intersection only on September 20, 2008. 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.

Mayor Bates noted that the total weight of recyclables picked up by Moring Disposal, Inc. during the month of July 2008 was 32,840 lbs.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 9, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector