

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Tom Cravatta rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Mayor 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 Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Clifton Jacobs gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the June 9, 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 Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2009 as approved by the finance  
committee. 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.

Mayor Bates reported the total of the bank accounts as of today was at FINANCIAL REPORT  
\$698,882.52. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to accept the financial report 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.

COMMITTEES  
Alderman Bergren reported of the June 17<sup>th</sup> historic preservation HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
advisory committee meeting:

1. Discussed scheduling a Brick Street Workshop for next year to be sponsored by the committee and the City.
2. Reviewed the plans for the Kraft Building rehab.
3. Reviewed the two loan applications for the Downtown Enhancement Loan Program. \$5,000 requested by Linda Sipe of Charlie's II to remove the siding on the north side of the building and tuck point that side and the west side. \$5,000 requested by Caroline Leif and Donald Slick for a wheelchair ramp and handrails for the front of the building at 104 W. Market Street. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the two loan applications submitted for the Downtown Enhancement Loan Program to be administered by the Mt. Carroll CDC. 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. DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT

Alderman Sparboe reported of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee INTERFUND TRANSFER  
recommendation to interfund transfer \$18,000 from the enterprise debt service to the enterprise  
water fund in order to meet expenses for the month. 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.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation FIREWORKS  
to approve the contribution of \$250 to the Mt. Carroll Fire Dept. towards the fireworks event.

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.

4. The finance committee authorized the transfer of \$172.00 from the receipts of the Chamber circus event from the city general fund to the park fund.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> license & ordinance committee LICENSE & ORDINANCE meeting:

1. Discussed the nuisance issues regarding tall weeds and grass and building materials being stored on properties located on Benton, East and Main Streets.
2. Discussed the 4-way stop at the intersection of Benton and Main Streets. No action.
3. Discussed guidelines for the downtown building facades.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Discussed street and concrete work.
2. The new solar light has been installed at Point Rock Park.
3. It was reported that IDOT would place the engine braking sign along IL Route 78 at the north end.
4. Discussed the installation of handicapped access sidewalk to the Schneider House Furniture store along Broadway Street.
5. Regarding tree removal, Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman TREE REMOVAL Boelkens seconded to accept the proposal from Foley Tree Service to remove the soft maples along South East Street at \$300-\$400 per tree. 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.
6. Noted that the one tree along Lincoln Street near the Caroline Mark Home should be trimmed this year.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Mr. Kenneth Lego of Ivey Monument was in attendance and asked about developing a plan to reset and rehab some of the older stones and monuments in the city cemetery. The consensus of the committee was to have Mr. Lego prioritize the work involved in the older sections and provide a proposal for review.
2. Noted that the one flag at the cemetery needed to be replaced.
3. Noted that the map in the reference book at the cemetery also needed to be replaced.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Discussed the protocol for the notification of residents along Mill and Galena Streets when there is a threat of flooding. The police department and the street department work together to get the word out and help with any evacuation situations.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported that the State had inspected the pool POOL already this summer. No serious issues or any immediate threat. He stated he would be working with the State regarding the compliance of the drains.
2. Herrell Electric would check on one of the lights that are out at the pool.
3. Discussed the boil order required for the water system due to the drop in pressure throughout the City system. Reviewed how to provide the public notification. Maybe one resource would be on the scanner. WCCI radio would be the main source for getting the word out. The water boil order

is expected to be lifted by Wednesday, hopefully sooner. Superintendent Handel reported that there might be other problems yet this summer in getting all of the system on line. There have been seven leaks so far. He has suggested that the old tower not be demolished yet and that has been put on hold for now.

4. Heard a report that the grant awards would not be announced before July 1<sup>st</sup> for the CDAP grant applications. The committee discussed the Commercial Street utilities extension and it was noted that Jo Carroll Energy would probably do an upgrade in this area when the City proceeds with this project.
5. Discussed the electric conduit issue at the well sites with the engineers and the contractors. A change order is supposed to be presented to the council for a proposed remedy of this matter.
6. The IDOT Utility Permit can be terminated. The completion letter to IDOT is provided to the City for execution and submission. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Letter of Completion for the IDOT utility permit for the water project. 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 Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to CHANGE ORDER approve change order #2 from Maguire Iron for a reduction of \$455.00 to the contract for the new elevated water storage tank. 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.
8. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve PAYMENT payment application # 11 from Maguire Iron in the amount of \$19, 770 as the final payment for this contract. 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 reported of the People for Progress CCI meeting held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held regarding the development of a park district.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that the art work book being developed with ART BOOK David Allen Badger was progressing very well. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the sponsorship into the books publishing at a cost to the City of \$285.00 that would include receiving six of the books. 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.

Mr. Schau reported that the CDC would work with Alderman Bork on the community house bathroom project. Contractor Randy Stadel may be able to help with putting together the project work listing and/or specifications.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2009-6-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT 2009-6-3 CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2009-6-3 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to grant a RAFFLE LICENSE raffle license to the Mount Carroll Fire Department for the period of one month. 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.

Mayor Bates noted that Alderman Bork suggested working with the city attorney regarding taking some of the past due water bill accounts to small claims court.

Mayor Bates reported he had received a copy of a proposed subdivision SUBDIVISION PLAT plat from surveyor, Lyle Eaton. This was breaking off a parcel of the Jean Guentner property at the north end of town. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to refer this matter to the planning commission for review. 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.

Mr. Tom Cravatta, Mt. Carroll Chamber, addressed the council and asked to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss this year's October Fest activities scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT 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 8:40 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 14, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector