

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Randy Prasse rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF THE 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the August 10, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2010 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the total of the bank account balances was \$593,566.22. FINANCIAL REPORT
Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES

Mayor Bates reported of the topics discussed at the August 23rd license and ordinance committee meeting, and noted that the cemetery board had scheduled to meet at the cemetery on August 30th at 5:30 p.m. to look at the old stones and determine ones needing repairs.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 23rd streets committee meeting: STREETS & PARK

1. Mayor Bates reported that the 400 block of South College Street had been primed today and that the county highway department should finish with the seal coat tomorrow.
2. Discussed the flood clean up work at the park. Have rented a skid loader to get the rock and debris out of the grassy area of the park. Superintendent Handel also reported that Mr. Carroll Curboy has done a lot of volunteer work cleaning out the fences. They were looking that Phase I was to get all of the debris and rock out of the park and reseed the grass areas. Phase II would be to assess the buildings, fence areas and ball diamonds for repairs.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 23rd water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. The 11-month warranty review of the water improvements projects would need to be done soon.
2. The water & sewer utilities along East Commercial Street would be done before winter.
3. Discussed the rusty and discolored water complaints by residents in town.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 23rd police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass reported of the repairs needed on the Expedition squad for the second time.
2. Chief Cass was asked to check on a vehicle that had been parked in the city parking lot in the downtown for sometime.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported of the Galena Street Bridge Replacement Cost Estimate provided by Brian Converse, P.E., S.E of Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. The construction cost estimate was 1,629,000.00. This estimate would be used to petition to the county and the state for federal bridge funds for this project. BRIDGE PROJECT
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to advertise for commercial insurance proposals for the year; to cover property, liability, automobile and workers compensation. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. INSURANCE
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution \$250.00 to the Mount Carroll Fire Department Fireworks Fund. Roll call vote: Alderman Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. DONATION
5. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$6,000.00 from the general fund to the recreation fund in order to meet expenses. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. INTERFUND TRANSFER

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported of two upcoming events, CDC the September 4th Brick Street Saturday, and the October 2nd Night with Mary Todd Lincoln. He reported that the cost estimates for the community house improvements came to \$42,500 and he forwarded this information to Sharon Pepin for the proposed grant application.

Mayor Bates stated that the proposed Fill Ordinance would be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Alderman Bergren reported of the August 19th People for Progress meeting: PFP

1. The committee will assemble examples of ordinances to help develop a Tear down/Rebuild Ordinance for the downtown historic district.
2. It was noted that the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) would have an intern from Western Illinois University to work for them this year. One project to be done would be the LOIS listing for the state website.
3. It was noted that Laurel Bergren would be conducting the Brick Street Saturday guided walking tours in period costume.
4. Doing more research on the development of a Waukarusa River Walk.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to allow the Knights of Columbus to conduct a street solicitation in the downtown intersection and the highway intersection on September 18, 2010 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, and Lego, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mr. Jason Johns of the KC organization was in attendance and reported that 90% of the proceeds from the annual Tootsie Roll Drive stays in the area. STREET SOLICITATION

Mr. Randy Prasse, TCEDA, was in attendance and reported that the organization's application to the state for a Small Business Development Center had been approved. The local match from the region would be \$60,000 annually to secure the \$80,000 from the State of Illinois. He asked if the City would consider the local match proposed of \$606.25 per quarter (\$2,425.00) The council voiced their approval to table this matter to the next finance and council meeting on September 14th.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass the Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Road Maintenance for the calendar year 2008 in the amount of \$32,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass the Supplemental Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Road Maintenance for the calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$19,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass the Supplemental Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Road Maintenance for the calendar year 2010 in the amount of \$24,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported that the last Car Cruise Night would be September 18th for this year. There was a new schedule of dates for next year and he just wanted to make sure the council was agreeable to continuing sponsorship of these events. The council members present voiced their approval to the sponsorship of the 2011 car cruise events, which would include the insurance coverage and payment of up to \$400 towards the music entertainment and copying the advertisement flyer.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the Carroll County Board was considering a large funding cut to the extension service line item from their budget. He asked the council members to contact the county board members about this matter.

Mr. Gene Westphal, owner of 213 W. Market Street (a unit of the Bushy Flats) was in attendance and addressed the council about the recent complaints. He stated his health has deterred any work he had been considering recently. Mayor Bates stated that he was going to try to coordinate a meeting or at least written correspondence with all of the property owners to work to clean up the outside of the property area and hope that all of the owners will cooperate to have a structure inspection done to assess its safety.

Mayor Bates reported of the Extension Service local government teleconferences coming up this fall through April of next year.

Alderman Bergren reported of the Mount Carroll Bowling Center's grand opening last weekend.

Mayor Bates reported of the live plant delivered to City Hall from Barbara Sparboe and family to say thank you.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting, Roll call vote; Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 14, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector