

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Lou Schau rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Harkness of the Mount Carroll United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the January 27, 2009 public hearing and 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. Noted there was a typo error in the public hearing minutes regarding the size of the new water tower. It should be a 300,000-gallon tank.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 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 as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT \$730,683.40 per the financial report. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork 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 Sparboe reported of the February 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommen- CONTRIBUTION dation to approve the contribution of \$300 to the Heartland Pet Welfare organization. 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 Sparboe presented the finance committee recommen- CONFERENCE dation to approve the payment of registration at \$465.00, mileage and lodging for Char Behrens to attend the National Main Street Conference in Chicago, IL the first week in March. 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.
4. The finance committee discussed the bulletins from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund board about the predictions for the future rate increases due to the losses incurred over the last few months from the significant downturn in the U.S. and international markets.
5. The finance committee scheduled a budget meeting for March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in city hall.
6. The committee reviewed the delinquent water bills.

Mr. John Swiech of the Competitive Communities Initiative People for CCI UPDATE Progress Committee reported that they were working on the industrial site listing on the DCEO website and noted the Entrepreneur Workshop scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the progress with the State for improving the drainage of the natural spring through the “Stone House”.

CDC

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the only action item regarding the water improvements project. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve payment application #15 to Loberg Excavating in the amount of \$34,957.81 for the month of January 2009. 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.

MSA UPDATE

PAYMENT

APPLICATION

Mayor Bates reported that there were some portions of the roadway in the Frey Addition that the contractors would need to tend to this spring. Some of this had broken up over this winter. Mr. Wagner stated that he had noticed a section when he was in the area recently.

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 21<sup>st</sup> historic preservation advisory committee meeting:

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PRESERVATION

1. Mr. Ron Preston of the Carroll County Board addressed the committee to report of the county’s intent to improve the courthouse soffits this year. The committee provided recommendations for the project to maintain the historic attributes of the courthouse.
2. The committee discussed façade guidelines for the commercial district in the downtown area as well as possible guidelines for any new construction in the downtown area.
3. Discussed the proposed legislation for the State Historic Tax Credits Program.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve the IEPA Loan Draw Request #15 in the amount of \$49,358.00 for payment of a Loberg payment and a MSA payment for the water works improvements 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.

LOAN REQUEST

The council members present voiced their approval to the street solicitation request from the Methodist Church Light’s Youth Group for June 6, 2009 at the downtown intersection only. Clerk Cuckler is to contact the leader, Kathryn Boyd, about the action and request the updated insurance coverage paperwork.

STREET

SOLICITATION

Mayor Bates noted the letter from City Attorney Ronald Coplan reporting of the sentencing hearing on February 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the complaint filed against Mr. Michael Lartz.

SENTENCE

HEARING

Ms. Laurie Gungel of the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. was in attendance to inform the council of this newly formed corporation and ask the council to consider a contribution towards the seed money needed. She reported of the following from the handout provided: “The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA) is a private, not-for-profit 501c6 corporation being formed to develop a regional public/private partnership to promote, encourage and support industrial and economic development in JoDaviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties. TCEDA is to be governed by a board of up to 50 business and community leaders. Three senior Jo-Carroll Energy managers make up the current TCEDA Board. Additional board members will be selected upon the concept being formally communicated throughout the three-county area. Initial “seed” funding will depend on communities and businesses coming forward early to financially support the

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basic concept. The formal business assessment process of the first 4-5 year fundraising initiative will take an estimated 6-9 months to complete, after which a comprehensive plan with longer term goals, objectives and a budget will be formally presented to communities and businesses to secure pledges.” The council members present voiced their approval to table any action regarding a contribution to the TCEDA corporation.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the letter from West Carroll High School Principal Bob Lamb regarding a request to the Illinois Department of Transportation for a sign recognizing the music department’s accomplishments in 2007 and 2008. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the mayor to send a letter to IDOT requesting the school music department recognition sign. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the Lions Club to conduct the Hearing Screening activity in April in the downtown Area as in past years. 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.

The council discussed attendance to the March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Rural Community And Economic Development Conference in Peoria, IL. Alderman Cooper stated she would be attending with the county economic development organization members. To table any action on this matter until the next meeting.

Mary Roach was in the audience and addressed the council about possibly doing some publicity about having dog owners clean up after their dogs when walking in town.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Lego seconded to approve the request from the First Evangelical Lutheran Church to contribute \$300 from the band fund to pay for the music at the June 28<sup>th</sup> ice cream social in the downtown. 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 Sparboe reported that he would not be here for the next meeting.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, 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 February 24, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector