

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Mary Boelkens 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Sparboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the June 12, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES of the June 12, 2007 public hearing as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 2007 as PAYABLE approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the bank account balances from the financial FINANCIAL REPORT Report as of June 26, 2007. The total was \$712,065.88. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 20th historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES HISTORIC PRESERVATION committee meeting:

1. The committee discussed the brick pavers that would be available from a gentleman from Savanna, IL. These would be good to use for maintenance.
2. Working on the installation of the sign posts at the locations added to the walking tour. To check with the property owner of the "Uriah Green" house for permission to place a sign.
3. Have a quote from Cherry Signs in Freeport, IL for the proposed storefront decals. \$30 for an information decal measuring 1' by 2'.
4. Discussed the proposed amendment to the historic preservation ordinance regarding teardowns and rebuilding structures. The committee decided to ask the mayor to attend a meeting of the committee to discuss the status to developing this ordinance.
5. Discussed having the new walking tour brochure published in the newspaper once all of the signs are installed.
6. Discussed possible local workshops.
7. Discussed House Bill #1739 regarding an amendment to the Historic Preservation Tax Credit under the Illinois Income Tax Act.

Mayor Bates read the minutes from the June 25th license and ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE &
ORDINANCE

1. The committee discussed certain nuisance violations. Noted the Carroll Street property with a lot of debris, and the old Hilltop Floral Shop building that has fallen in, but has not been removed yet. The committee asked the clerk to check on another property on Carroll Street with very tall weeds, grass and wild flowers in the front of the property.
2. Consensus of the committee was to ask the city attorney to attend a meeting in July to discuss the nuisance ordinances and suggestions for changes and setting up the means for enforcement.

Alderman Bergren reported of the June 25th police committee meeting:

POLICE

1. Chief Hockman reported that Officer Ryan Kloeping had completed his supervised training as a part time officer.
2. Noted that a new scanner was needed for the squad car. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the purchase a new scanner for the police squad car at the cost not to exceed \$150.00 from Lectronics, Inc. of Clinton, IA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

SCANNER

Alderman Sparboe reported of the June 25th Streets Committee meeting:

STREETS

1. The committee reviewed the MSA Project Update. Nick Wagner, PE was in attendance to report of the progress of the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. He reported that a Pre-Construction meeting had been scheduled with Civil Constructors for June 26th at 2:00 p.m. in city Hall.
2. Nicor Gas had submitted a revised permit application to relocate the gas main at the Southeast Lane area. MSA recommended that this permit be approved and signed by the mayor. Alderman Sparboe presented the streets committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the permit application submitted by Nicor Gas for the gas main relocation along Southeast Lane. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Sharon Pepin, Community Consulting & Planning Services, Inc., was in attendance and reported that the grant funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation should be available and transferred to the city for this project now that the bid has been awarded to Civil Constructors.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the approaches to the city cemetery have now been completed and the materials would be paid back to the city by Mr. Gene Teeter.
5. The city crew has started the Broadway Street brick removal project. The bricks are being stored at the burning grounds for sorting. Mayor Bates stated he would contact the Department of Corrections about whether a crew from the Thomson Prison might be able to work on the sorting of the bricks for the city.
6. Superintendent Dauphin stated he would be scheduling the pavement removal on West Street soon. Mayor Bates reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Reid Law, Law Excavating, about his willingness to volunteer to do this pavement removal with his equipment for the city. What he considers his suggested \$2,500 volunteer work for the city. Mayor Bates stated that he would talk with Mr. Law about how he was proposing to do this and that he would need to provide proof of insurance for any job for the city.
7. Sharon Pepin presented the Safe Routes to School Program listing of projects to send into the Illinois Department of Transportation for the grant program. Total cost of the sidewalk and crossing improvements estimated at \$340,000.

8. Alderman Bergren asked the committee members to consider adopting BRICK STREETS the Brick Street Maintenance Plan that was proposed a couple of meetings ago. Mayor Bates stated that he wished to review this again. The council members present voiced their approval to have the plan on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the June 25th water and sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Superintendent Handel reported that the clarifier materials were not in stock yet.
2. Pool liner and ladder installation update: The contractor has come in and completed the caulking of the deck area around the liner and have installed the ladders for use this summer season. The plan is to complete the installation of the bumpers for the ladders once the season is over and the pool is empty again this fall. The council will discuss the matter of final payment for the project at the council meeting.
3. Superintendent Handel asked on behalf of the Mount Carroll Fire Department 4TH OF JULY for permission to conduct the 4th of July parade in town again this year. Police PARADE Chief Hockman expressed his concern that he heard there would be some demolition cars in the parade this year. Supt./Chief Handel stated that he was not aware of any wanting to participate, but if so they would need to be on trailers. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to grant permission to the Mount Carroll Fire Department to hold the 4th of July parade in Mount Carroll without “demolition” vehicles unless they were transported on trailers. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates noted the increase in the minimum wage rates in Illinois starting July 1st, which will effect the summer help this year.
3. Discussed the maintenance agreement with Curt’s Country Copier for the COPY MACHINE city hall copy machine. A slight increase noted due to increase in equipment and fuel costs. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the new maintenance agreement with Curt’s Country Copier of McConnell, IL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to RAFFLE LICENSE grant a raffle license to the Thrivent Financial for Lutheran’s. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Discussion of the RenoSys, Inc. final payment for the pool liner installation. RENOSYS, INC. The remaining balance is \$3,578.69. Noted the work was not completed as the bumper equipment for the ladders would not be installed until this fall. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the payment of one-half of the remaining balance to RenoSys, Inc. with a letter stating that the project was not yet complete and that the city would pay the balance when the work was completed. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
6. Alderman Boelkens reported of attending the pre-construction meeting today regarding the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. To start the project on July 9th and noted the work

should be complete in about 2 months time.

7. Mayor Bates asked the council to consider information regarding the Senate Bill 1429: Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. The committee reviewed the Illinois Municipal League bulletin and noted they were opposing this proposed legislation. Alderman Sparboe moved SENATE BILL 1429 and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to write a letter to the State Senators of our district stating the city's opposition to SB 1429. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. John Swiech representing the People for Progress/CCI steering committee COMMUNITY was in attendance and reported of the results from the Community Swap meeting SWAP held at the Campbell Center on June 14th. Issues noted for consideration or improvement were more signage to the park, trails, city hall, the senior apartment complex, and attractions such as the Raven's Grin Inn; to consider more advertising outside of the community, and work out some noticeable issues regarding the school consolidation. Mr. Swiech stated the next People for Progress meeting was scheduled for July 26th at 6:30 p.m. in city hall.

Mr. Swiech stated on behalf of the CDC Beautification Committee he would like to express their appreciation to the city for the recent contribution. They are working with the county to make even more improvements to the courthouse square.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice to Proceed with Civil Constructors, Inc. for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2007-6-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT 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 Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2007-6-3 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported that the Car Cruise night of June 21st was a success. The parking lot and the downtown were full and active. To look at some improvements to the other public parking in the downtown area.

Mayor Bates noted the billing from Blue Mountain Design for the placement of the minutes and agenda on the Mount Carroll website. To have this statement on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Bates stated that he would check on the status of the Welcome sign improvements.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 10, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector