

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jeff Woodside 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 Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present and Doris Bork, present. ROLL CALL

ALDERMAN BILL SPARBOE

Mayor Bates announced that Alderman Bill Sparboe passed away on August 6, 2010. He was a great man and will be greatly missed by all of us and by this town. He read and bled Mount Carroll and we all knew how much he loved this town.

Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. MINUTES

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2010. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates reported the total of the bank accounts as of today were \$603,292.78. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Boelkens reported of the August 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Discussed calls of concern from neighbors of the Bushy Flats area, 200 block of East Market Street. The buildings are in very poor condition, debris around the residences as well as rodents.
3. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the status of the Kraft Building rehabilitation project.
4. Mayor Bates reported of meeting with the Carroll County engineer and engineers from Willet and Hofman regarding the Galena Street Bridge work that was being proposed. Cost estimates are to be worked up with a proposal to replace the old iron bridge and have it moved to another location. The city would then petition to the county for the Bridge Replacement Aid funds. This information might be ready for review at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that the Brick Street Saturday was scheduled for the Labor Day weekend on September 4<sup>th</sup>. To work with Police Chief Cass on the street closures for the day. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the payment of \$200.00 from the City band fund to the Fran Gable, Jr./GM Productions DJ service for the entertainment on Brick Street Saturday. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. BRICK STREET DAY ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Schau also reported that the Friends of the Library would be sponsoring a "Meet Mary Todd Lincoln" event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and he asked every one to check out the publicity on this in the future.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, reported that they would be working with the City staff and the contractors to

conduct the 11-month warranty review of the entire water improvements project. MSA UPDATE  
He noted also that there was a different grant program under the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for park and recreation improvements.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the resolution drafted by the city attorney regarding the sale of the property where the old water tower was located. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass Resolution No. 2010-08-02, A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. 2010-08-02 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to get an appraiser to conduct the appraisal of the old water tower site. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates stated he had been in contact with a representative from Jo Carroll Energy about the placement of an antenna on the City water tower for their wireless internet services. He reported that they would consider a proposal to pay up to \$450 per month. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the proposal to enter into an agreement with Jo Carroll Energy to place an antenna on the city water tower at the monthly fee of \$450.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mr. Jeff Woodside, Carroll County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, was in attendance and asked if the council would consider a contribution to their organizations scholarship fund. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the contribution of \$100.00 to the Carroll County Chapter of Pheasants Forever Scholarship Fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mr. Woodside expressed his appreciation to the city for improving South East Street and Lovers Lane from Route 64 to Route 40.

Mrs. Gloria Asay, 208 E. Rapp Street, was in attendance and addressed the council with her concerns about the row of houses known as the "Bushy Flats" located in the 200 block of East Market Street. The row of houses has a common attic connecting the six units. She stated she noticed that there were holes in the roof and foundation and vegetation growing into those areas. There must be rodents as she had a dead rat in her yard just last week. She stated there was debris and garbage in and around the back of the building where her view was. She noted that two of the six units were the only ones occupied. Mayor Bates stated that the council could investigate what matters could be addressed regarding this building and all of the property owners should be involved in the discussion.

Police Chief Cass reported that several issues (brake lines, tie rod and rear axle) came up with the regular maintenance of the Expedition squad car this month. Those were fixed and the vehicle was in service.

Mayor Bates noted the Campbell Center Ice Cream Social scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> at How Hall on the campus from 2-4 p.m. 30-Year Anniversary

Mayor Bates reported that the two summer help employees with the public works would be leaving very soon. He stated that the council should be discussing this matter at the public works committee meetings on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. To consider whether someone should be hired to help with the mowing the next month or so.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 24, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector