

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2007 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 Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL

Nina Cooper, absent, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Bork led the Pledge of allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the November 27, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. (to note the 12/11/07 meeting was canceled due to bad weather)

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

Mayor Bates noted the total in the checking accounts was \$704,427.21. FINANCIAL REPORT  
Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates also noted that the interest rates on the accounts had decreased to 3.56%.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Sparboe reported of the December 18<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to INTERFUND authorize the interfund transfer of \$7,000 from the debt service fund to the TRANSFERS water fund and \$32,000 from the debt service fund to the sewer fund in order to meet the expenses for the month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to BUILDING CODE authorize the payment of the registration fee for two council members WORKSHOP to attend the Building Codes in Illinois Workshop through the Lorman Education Services in Countryside, IL on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$319 each. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to PAYMENT REQUEST authorize the mayor to sign the application for the first payment request from Loberg Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$167,238.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to STREET LIGHT authorize Jo Carroll Energy to install new streetlights along Southeast Lane at the cost of \$1,251.75. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to EPA LOAN DRAW authorize the mayor to sign the Request for Loan Disbursement from REQUEST the IEPA Water Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$436,958.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
7. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to QUARTERLY REPORT authorize the mayor to sign the Quarterly report to be submitted to the state DCEO office for the one grant for the water works improvements project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
8. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to TIF FUND authorize the process to make the appropriate payments of the TIF fund reimbursements to the Mount Carroll CDC, and City, and that the Campbell Center's would be deposited into the City's Revolving Loan Fund, as a payment towards their loan. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
9. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation NEW SNOW PLOW to authorize the street superintendent to make a trade of an 11' steel plow for a new 10' "poly" plow for the 2-ton truck from Bonnell Industries, Inc. of Dixon, IL at no cost to the city. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Nina Cooper came into the council chambers at 6:10 p.m.

10. Mayor Bates stated he would like the council to consider the annual contribution to the Mount Carroll CDC at the next meeting. This amount is \$5,000 as a budget item.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported of the Downtown Enhancement Program CDC REPORT which has provided funding for the Kraft Building and the Hotel Glenview building. He reported that the Tautz Brothers were helping to locate the drain with the water flow under the stone house building. The stone house was given an address of 107 West State Street. With the help of the Crouse's they have been able to get the furnace running in the Kraft building. The officers for this next year for the CDC are: Lou Schau, President, Dave Johnston, Vice President, Gary Foltz, Secretary, and Karen Kromer, Treasurer.

Mayor Bates noted the status report from Sharon Pepin of the Community Funding and Planning Services. He noted that a lot of this business was handled in the finance committee meeting.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the petition from Mr. Tom PETITION TO Cravatta as the lessee/option purchaser of the property located at 109 South REZONE Mill Street to have the premises reclassified from a R2, Medium Density Residence District, to a C2, Downtown Commerce District, and states that the proposed use is to operate a small engine repair and welding shop in the building formerly known as the Moshure's Auto Rebuilding Shop. Mayor Bates presented the planning commission recommendation to approve the rezoning request as presented. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to accept the planning commission recommendation and approve the rezoning petition submitted by Mr. Tom Cravatta and have the appropriate ordinance drafted by the city attorney. 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 moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2007-12-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S 2007-12-14 WATER REGULATIONS with the additions of the words "seven" and "thirty" respectively in the blanks to section 7-4-16 regarding "APPEALS". Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2007-12-14 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2007-12-15, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING DEBT 2007-12-15 SERVICE RATES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2007-12-15 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates noted that we did not have the task order yet for the bridge inspections that are required by the state. This item would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2007-12-17, ANNUAL TAX LEVY. Roll call vote: 2007-12-17 Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes, Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2007-12-17 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Bates noted the total of the Levy was \$188,118.

Mayor Bates reported that he was notified by the clerk of a property COLEHOUR PROPERTY building encroachment along Commercial Street just to the east of the Jackson Street intersection. He stated he asked Mr. Charles Colehour to get another survey, which he has and it would seem that there is an issue to clear up before Mr. Colehour could sell this parcel. He stated we have presented this to the city attorney to see how to further proceed.

Alderman Doris Bork left the council chambers at 6:45 p.m.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. Ordinance No. 2007-12-18, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZOPNE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2007-12-18 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to pass MFT RESOLUTION The Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the calendar year 2006 appropriating \$23,500 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Cuckler noted that this was needed to document to use of MFT funds for the 2006 year.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass STREET LIGHTING The Street Lighting Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen RESOLUTION Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bork, absent.

The Street Lighting Resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Noted this was for the work to be done along Southeast Lane.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from Sterling Wilbert Vault regarding the grave opening fee increases. He and Alderman Lego stated that they would schedule a cemetery board meeting to consider this matter and whether this should be under the duties of the city crew.

Mayor Bates proposed to offer the following holiday time for the city employees: the full day of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and the one half day of New Year's Eve and all of New Year's Day. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the Christmas and New Year's holiday time off as proposed by the mayor. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that he has approved allowing the taverns to stay open until 3:00 a.m. on New Year's Day for those that are having festivities for New Year's Eve night.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the well drilling progress as of today.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bork, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 8, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector