

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mike Lenz 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Mark Harkness, Mt. Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the February 12, 2008 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.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2008 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 the bank account total balance was \$775,153.74 as FINANCIAL REPORT of today for all of the accounts. 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. Mayor Bates reported that the interest rates for the bank accounts have now dropped to 2%. He stated that we should start to look at other investment options for some or all of these accounts.

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

1. Discussed the replacement and new signs needed for the walking tour properties.
2. Discussed the committee's role with the People for Progress plan through the Competitive Communities Initiative Program.
3. Discussed the committee's duties with two guests, Cindy Pingitore and Eina Schroeder. Both have expressed interest in joining the committee. The committee voiced their approval to recommend to the mayor to appoint Ms. Pingitore and Ms. Schroeder to this committee.

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

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with a representative from LIGHT BULB PROGRAM Jo Carroll Energy about the CFL light bulbs and whether there would be any programs to provide these bulbs to the residents or businesses. He stated that they were working on a promotion to provide a sample bulb to the residents and would also like to have the city consider a drop off site for the discarded CFL bulbs in the future. Mayor Bates stated that he felt we would be able to designate the city hall as a possible drop off site in Mount Carroll.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to LOBERG PAYMENT authorize the 2nd payment request to Loberg Construction in the amount of \$69,138.00 along with the interfund transfer of \$50,000.00 from the city debt service fund to INTERFUND TRANSFER the city water fund to meet all of the expenses for the month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes,

Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND TRANSFER to close out the school crossing fund into the city general fund, this amount \$4,179.71, then interfund transfer \$2,000 from the city general fund to the city recreation fund, then interfund transfer \$4,300 from the city recreation fund to the city cemetery endowment fund to pay off the past interfund loan, and then to interfund transfer \$1,000 from the city sewer fund to the city cemetery endowment fund to pay off that past interfund loan. 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.
5. Discussed the budget. To have a draft at the next meeting to review.
6. Also to consider at the next meeting the IMRF questions about military service credit and the addition of the mayor's position.

The council members present voiced their approval to hold the license & ordinance, police, water, sewer and streets committee meetings on March 10th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and presented the project status PROJECT STATUS report.

“Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Bidding and CRS

Payment application #3 from Loberg Excavating in the amount of \$51,696 was reviewed by MSA and is presented to the council for approval. Change Order #3 has been prepared and is ready for signature by the mayor. Change order #3 includes the \$6,000 credit regarding the well diameter (this was discussed and approved at the February 12th council meeting).

Loberg Excavating will be mobilizing back on site to set up and run the test pumping of Well #4. This will likely occur on Wednesday or Thursday of this week; test pumping will take a few weeks to complete. After the test pumping, Loberg will start on the well house #4 construction. Shop drawing review continues.

Maguire Iron is planning to mobilize on site in March to start the foundation construction for the elevated water storage tank.

The next progress meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on March 7th at City Hall.”

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the PAY REQUEST Mayor to sign the two documents to be submitted to the IEPA for approval; the pay request #3 from Loberg Excavating and the change order #3. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. The motion was carried.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC and People for Progress, was in attendance and asked the council to attend the meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday at the Land of Oz business.

Mayor Bates noted that the city attorney was not able to attend this evening's meeting due to the weather, so we would be planning to have him attend the next meeting to consider the items on the agenda.

Alderman Cooper and Alderman Bergren stated that they felt it should be noted that the meeting with the local contractors to discuss the implementation of certain building codes went very well. The contractors had stated that it was apparently a normal part of the business process with other communities. They noted that there was support from these businesses to pursue business licenses or registration with the enforcement of certain building codes to meet the city's needs.

Mr. Ed Leipus and Mike Lenz were in attendance from the Friends of the SPRING FLING AT THE Waukarusa to ask about the beer and wine tent at the Spring Fling activity scheduled at the Point Rock Park on April 19, 2008? Mayor Bates stated that he did not wish to see more than two events a year that might have alcohol at the City Park. He stated he hoped he had a consensus from the council when he would present the ones for approval. Mr. Lenz stated that he would be able to provide a copy of his insurance that would have the city named as an additional insured for this activity. Mr. Lenz of Kallemezoo's was going to handle the beer and wine tent. The council members present voiced some concern about future events and how this might open up opportunities for other organizations. Mayor Bates stated that he would always present each request before approving the liquor license at the park. He stated unless there were objections he would approve this license request. No objections were voiced by the council members present. Mr. Lenz thanked the mayor and council and stated that he would meet with the clerk to get the appropriate forms to fill out for the special events license.

Mayor Bates reported that he had checked on the footage of the Mobil station to the church in the same block when considering a liquor license. All points of view indicate that the building is closer than 100 feet. He stated he was not sure of any exception that seems to fit this to allow a license to the Mobil Convenience Store at this time.

A copy of the Project Status Report from Sharon Pepin of Community Funding STATUS REPORT & Planning Services was presented. A copy of this is added to the minutes. There is a report of the project costs and funding sources for the Southeast Lane Roadway Project.

Two documents were also provided for the mayor's signature.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the EXPENSE REPORT Mayor to sign the semi-annual expense report for the Brick Street Grant to be submitted to the Illinois DCEO. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the LOAN REQUEST Mayor to sign the IEPA loan disbursement request in the amount of \$132,100 towards the water works improvements project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk, Mirror Democrat, reported that the new website for the chamber and city was now on line. She asked to have take a picture of the full council after the meeting to be added onto the site. New site address: www.mtcarrollil.org.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the INTERFUND Interfund transfer of \$35,000 from the city motor fuel tax fund to the city TRANSFER General fund to pay back what was transferred towards the Southeast Lane Roadway Project. 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. It was noted that the city received the USDA grant amount of \$99,000 this month towards this roadway project.

The council members present stated that they wished to have a review of the delinquent water bills at the next finance committee meeting.

WATER BILLS

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the Meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Carl Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 11, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector