

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2009 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, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Mark Harkness, Mt. Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2009 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT
\$719,201.94. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES
FINANCE
Mayor Bates reported of the October 13th finance committee meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the write off of the uncollectible accounts listing provided by the clerk this evening for the water, sewer, debt service and garbage charges and accounts receivable in the amount of \$2,734.27. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, UNCOLLECTIBLE BILLS
Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. The finance committee reviewed the proposal to continue the web site maintenance agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to pay one half of the cost that is paid to Christiene Gable. The total cost to the City would be \$900 for the annual maintenance. This includes the monthly updates of information for the calendar and announcements as well as guidance to the city clerk on adding new information for the City. Mayor Bates stated he would like to know whether the site was being used as often as before. Clerk Cuckler stated she has had more inquiries from individuals that have seen something on the web site.
4. Mayor Bates presented the finance committee recommendation BRICK STREET MUSIC
to approve the payment of \$450.00 to Lou Schau from the band fund to reimburse the costs for the entertainment for the Brick Street Saturday event last month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Mayor Bates reported that Mr. McDevitt of Maquoketa, IA had BRICK PAVERS
contacted him about whether the city would be interested in more brick pavers. He would have about 40,000 bricks available at \$1.25 each. Alderman Bergren reported that he knew of a supply of brick pavers that were taken out of the Galena, IL streets that would be for sale. The

consensus of the finance committee members was to decline the purchase of anymore bricks at this time. Alderman Cooper and Alderman Bergren stated that they would be working on the plan to use the bricks we have in stock on the brick street restoration project.

6. Mayor Bates noted that the last two water samples taken from well #2 were clean. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and reported that the paperwork was in the works to send to the IEPA to get the well and the system all on line.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 16th historic preservation HISTORIC PRESERVATION advisory committee meeting:

1. Considered research of the homes in town that are noted "Sears or Montgomery Ward" homes.
2. Discussed the Beautification Committee project for the placement of benches in the downtown area.
3. Discussed the installation of more ornamental street lights extending beyond the downtown area.

Alderman Bergren stated that the next People for Progress meeting was scheduled for October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported of the bid opening for the Kraft Building project that would be held on October 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall. Once these bids are reviewed by the CDC board a recommendation would be forwarded to the City Council. He noted that the David Alan Badger book signing was scheduled for November 14, 2009 at the library building. The evening with Edgar Allen Poe was very successful on October 3rd at the Campbell Center. The council members present voiced their approval to ask Mr. Schau to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation about more signage regarding the visual hazards on Illinois Route 78 at the north end of town before approaching the highway bridge. There was a recent fatality of a pedestrian near the Lincoln Street intersection.

Mr. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and presented an update of WATER PROJECT UPDATE the water project. Of the Loberg Excavating portion of the contract he reported that the well #2 bacteriological samples were now safe. The final items for the other two wells can be completed when this well is put on line. He reported of change order #16 that would be presented to IEPA to balance out the construction quantities and includes the increased wage rates paid by Loberg and their subcontractors. The change order resulted in a decrease of the project in the amount of \$116,756.97. He reported that the old water tower was taken down on Monday, October 5th.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize FINAL OPERATING the mayor to sign the final operating permit documents to be forwarded PERMIT to IEPA for approval. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve CHANGE ORDER #16 change order #16 for Contract #1 with Loberg Excavating resulting in a decrease of the project in the amount of \$116,756.97. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve PAYMENT APPLICATION payment application #21 from Loberg Excavating for the water project in the amount of \$71,463.25. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Notice of Termination documents to be forwarded to the IEPA for approval regarding the coverage under the general permit for storm water discharges associated with construction site activity. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

NOTICE OF
TERMINATION

Mayor Bates read the project status report presented by Sharon Pepin, CFPS.

PROJECT UPDATE

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Lego seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the IEPA loan draw request #21 in the amount of \$71,943. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

LOAN DRAW REQUEST

Regarding the CDAP grant for the well casing project Mrs. Pepin reported that the City is awaiting the grant documentation from DECO. Per DCEO, the documentation was on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

Regarding the CDAP ARRA Stimulus Grant Application the City has been officially invited to resubmit its CDAP economic development application for the Commercial Street extension project. The City is required to conduct a public hearing on the submission of the grant application and this hearing has been scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Bates noted that the next item on the agenda was the City Zoning Officers regarding a question about occupancy permits. He stated that neither of the officers was in attendance this evening. City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported that Zoning Officer Howard Herrell had called him about the matter and he believed that Mr. Herrell was in agreement how to handle an inquiry if and when this was presented to them.

Mr. Scott Schneider of 606 N. Clay Street was in attendance and addressed the council about the Joe Haas building in the downtown and inquired about what was determined to be an easement question to his property.

Mayor Bates reported of the letter of resignation from the planning commission submitted by Mrs. Nola Charles.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Mayor Bates reported that a draft of the proposed directional signs for the cemetery has been provided by Crippen Signs for review.

Mayor Bates reported that the new water cooler for City Hall has been installed.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 27, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector

