

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Edward Olds 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, Eina ROLL CALL
Schroeder, present, Doug Bergren, present, Diane Lego, absent, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork,
present.
Alderman Eina Schroeder led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the January 23, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes,
Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses , 0 noes and 1
absent. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2007 as was PAYABLE
approved by the finance committee noting that the Blue Mountain Design bill was held out at this time.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Lego, absent, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and
Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.
Alderman Sparboe noted that the one bill held out was pending a proposal being reviewed to change the
current website for Mount Carroll.

Mayor Bates reported that the total of the bank accounts were at \$635,128.11 as FINANCIAL
of February 9, 2007. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded REPORT
to approve the financial report as submitted. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Lego, absent,
Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Schroeder, yes. Vote: 6 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The
motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the January 25th cemetery board meeting:

COMMITTEES
CEMETERY

1. It was reported that the clerk was contacted by Lloyd and Nancy Freeman about an issue with their
cemetery lot. There is a large tree that is encroaching onto the lot in the place for their burial spaces.
Supt. Dauphin had reported to the committee members that this was a nice hard wood tree. The
committee members voiced that they would like to keep this tree if possible. Mrs. Freeman has noted to
the clerk that they would want two burial spaces and might consider another lot if the location could be
near this old section. The committee recommendation to the council was to offer another space for the
Freeman's if they would deed back this lot in question (Section 2, Block B, South ½ of Lot 4).
Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the FREEMAN LOT
cemetery board recommendation to offer two cemetery lots to Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Freeman in exchange
for the above stated lot site. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder,
yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Alderman Lego reported that Carol Foster had contacted her about trimming TREE REMOVAL
or removing the tree near the roadway by the Eileen Campbell gravesite. They were planning to have a
DAR ceremony in this area sometime this year. It was noted that Supt. Dauphin had stated that this tree
has been a nuisance in the past. The committee recommended to the council to have this tree removed.
Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to approve the cemetery board
recommendation to remove the pine tree near the Eileen Campbell grave. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork,
yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes

and 1 absent. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. The committee members discussed some of the walnut tree problems near the shop building and the fence along the new section 6.
4. The committee discussed the cost increase presented by Sterling, Wilbert Vault Co. No change was recommended at this time.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the February 12th water and sewer committee meeting: WATER

1. Sharon Pepin, Marty Beranek and Nick Wagner from MSA were in attendance and presented the project update report. The main topics of discussion were the Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Grant Submission and Design. Marty reported that 90% of the design work was now complete. He stated that this was a stage where they could submit the permit applications in to the IL EPA. The cost estimates were reviewed. A 50% increase in the overall total was presented versus the 2004 cost estimates. Marty went over the materials that have increased so much since 2004. (Total estimated cost now at \$3,876,400)

Mayor Bates stated that he would contact Jo-Carroll Energy about the electrical service hook ups to see if this expense could be reduced or cut since the service would be a permanent service user.

The council members present voiced their approval to Sharon Pepin's suggestion to make more contacts with the state and federal legislators for some other funding sources for this project.

Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to proceed with the Water Works Improvements Project with the following actions:

- To submit the application for the CDAP grant
- To submit the IEPA permit applications
- To submit the application for the IEPA loan.

Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the February 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and the Blue Mountain Design bill for services for the Mount Carroll website was held. All other bills approved for payment.
2. The committee discussed the bank loan with The National Bank for the payment of the engineering services.
3. The committee voiced their approval to allow the clerk to coordinate several band concerts this summer with the Don Karol band.
4. The committee reviewed the listing of the outstanding water and sewer bills as of the end of January 2007. The committee voiced their approval to ask the clerk to work up the required forms for the recording of liens for the properties with very high balances. To provide this report with the costs at the next meeting.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to allow UTILITY BILLS the mayor and clerk to make payment of the Alliant electric bills before the end of the month to save a late charge. Roll call vote: Aldermen Schroeder, 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 noted that the clerk was asked to contact Alliant or the city crew about shutting off the lights in the back of the park the remainder of the winter

Mr. John Swiech, Mt. Carroll CDC, was in attendance and reported of the following projects:

CCI UPDATE &

1. The CCI steering committee met last week and assessed the results of the town meeting. The top four issues were economic development, services, historic preservation and Campbell Center.
2. Mr. Swiech indicated that one of those issues was being directed at the proposal to form a park district. He stated there was a meeting scheduled for February 14th at the Community House at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the six candidates that were running for the five member board once the park district issue would be passed by the voters.
3. Mr. Swiech noted that there was a meeting tentatively scheduled to hear more about the Safe Routes to School grant program. This meeting was scheduled for February 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the city hall. He stated city and school officials would be needed to assess the need for this program.
4. The CDC has scheduled another Breakfast before Business meeting for February 14th in the morning at the Community House to consider a proposal to develop a new website program for the Chamber, City and CDC.
5. The CDC have now met with nine contractors that are looking at the Kraft building to establish a plan for the building's restoration. They were also looking at setting up a work schedule for every Saturday for specific jobs to be completed.

Mayor Bates reported that he had met with Kathleen Field Orr, Chicago, IL TIF PROJECTS in city hall on February 10th by introduction through Sharon Pepin from MSA. Ms. Orr is working on some other area TIF district projects and she provided a services proposal. Mayor Bates stated he would like to work with her on the upcoming TIF projects involving the new Pearl City Bank, and the CDC Kraft building. She has suggested and drafted the two inducement resolutions that are provided for the council's consideration this evening.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Resolution RESOLUTION No. R2-2007-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO INDUCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass Resolution RESOLUTION No. R2-2007-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO INDUCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Edward Olds was in attendance and addressed the council about the LEAF BURNING issue whether the council would consider imposing a leaf burning ban for the BAN PROPOSAL community. He stated that he wished to voice his opinion that he did not wish to see a burning ban put in place at this time. He stated the extra charges for the pick up would add another burden to the community. Mayor Bates stated he did receive three letters asking that the council leave the regulations as is. Clerk Cuckler stated that the seven contacts made to city hall were 5 against a burning ban and 2 for. Alderman Sparboe stated that he received about 20 contacts and the consensus was to leave the leaf burning regulations as is. The consensus of the council was to notify Moring Disposal that we appreciate the proposal for the leaf pick up program, but would not request this service at this time.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Schroeder seconded to pass RESOLUTION The Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds, as is required for the CDAP grant

application for the Water Works Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The Resolution of Support was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates reported of the annual Rural Development Conference to be CONFERENCE held in Peoria, IL on March 7th and 8th. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the payment for registration, room and travel for three participants from the City to attend the Rural Development Conference. (Estimated cost of \$300 per person) Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Schroeder, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 27, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector