

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Nick Wagner, P.E. 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 Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Mark Harkness, Mt. Carroll Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to MINUTES
approve the minutes of the August 28, 2007 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 Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2007 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, present, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes.

Mayor Bates noted the bank account balances as of September 11, 2007: FINANCIAL REPORT
\$842,810.77. 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.

Alderman Lego reported of the September 11th license and ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE &
ORDINANCE

1. The committee discussed the installation of new fences throughout the town. City Attorney Ronald Coplan provided a copy of the regulations that are in the City of Sterling Code. For the council's review.
2. Discussion of property maintenance issues. Several were noted by the mayor that he had received complaints about recently. Discussion of how to proceed with these and enforcement of nuisance ordinances. Consider establishing a position of a code enforcement officer. The committee asked the city attorney to work on a job description or duties for this officer. To have some examples for the October 22, 2007 license and ordinance committee meeting.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 11th finance committee FINANCE
meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation PAINT STREET LIGHTS
to approve the proposal from Davis Custom Decorator to repaint 24 of the city's ornamental streetlights with epoxy based paint at the cost of \$1,100. 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.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation DON KAROL BAND
to approve the payment of \$350 from the band fund to the Don Karol Band for the September 16, 2007 ice cream social at the Foster Court senior apartments. 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.

4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation **STREETS HELP** to authorize Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin to hire the needed part time employee or employees to complete the mowing at the parks and city parkways for the remainder of the season. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation **DECEMBER MEETINGS** to change the December 25, 2007 regular council meeting date to December 26, 2007. 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.

Mr. John Swiech was in attendance and reported that the new decal sign **CCI** placed on the city hall window, and that the next People for Progress meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the city hall.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported that the tuck pointing job at the Kraft **CDC** building was complete and the beautification committee was continuing work at the courthouse courtyard.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the project **MSA PROJECT** update. He reported that the curb and gutter were completed at the **UPDATE** Southeast Lane roadway project and they should start the paving next week. Regarding the Phase 2 Water Works Improvements Project Bidding and CRS Nick presented the following:

The bids were received and opened at city hall on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. A detailed tabulation was presented to the council for review. In summary, the bids obtained indicated a fairly competitive atmosphere, especially for the elevated water storage tank contract. Two bids were received for contract #1 and four bids were received for contract #2. Apparent low bidders are:

Contract #1: Loberg Excavating, Inc., Pearl City, IL with a bid of \$2,827,315.41

Contract #2: Maguire Iron, Sioux Falls, SD, with a bid of \$814,000.00

A number of bid alternates were taken which need to be selected by the city prior to award of contracts. MSA suggests that material selection items be selected by the waterworks department. The city council should select the sign for the elevated water storage tank, this evening if possible.

The bid results have been forwarded to IEPA Financial Assistance section for review. MSA reviewed all of the bids received for IEPA's program requirements and found them acceptable. Following notice from their office that they concur, the city may award the contracts. MSA recommends that the city council conditionally authorize the mayor this evening to execute the award documents for both contracts pending a notice of IEPA's review. IEPA wants to finalize the loan by the end of September. Therefore, they are anticipating receiving the city's "Intent to Award" and "Notice of Award" as soon as possible. The council members present considered bid alternate #1 for Contract #2 for the 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank. The proposal was to change the painted sign to "Mt. Carroll" in a single line, on one side for a deduction of \$1,500.00 to the base bid. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to accept the bid alternate #1 under contract #2 of the **WATER TOWER SIGN** elevated water storage tank to change the painted sign to a single line, which would reduce the base bid cost by \$1,500.00. 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.

The council members discussed the other bid alternates to be considered. Mayor Bates stated he

would like to decide these items with the city staff, preferably with Superintendent Russell Handel at a meeting with as many council members as possible, also. The council members voiced their approval to schedule a meeting with MSA and Superintendent Handel for September 17th at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Bates stated that the council could at the end of this meeting adjourn the meeting to the above stated date.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the special use permit applications under the new business on the agenda. The first application noted was submitted by Robert F. Becke SPECIAL USE PERMITS of Freeport, IL. The petitioner as the option purchaser prays that the below described premises be granted a special use permit for multiple-family dwelling. The property had been previously used as a multiple-family dwelling, however, the current status has been a single-family dwelling. Legal description: Lot 4 in Block 10 of the original Town, now City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, IL. Commonly known as 203 North Main Street. Mayor Bates noted that the planning commission recommendation was to reject this special use permit application based on the grounds that it does not meet the minimum lot requirements. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to accept the planning commission recommendation and reject the special use permit application for a multiple-family dwelling submitted by Mr. Robert Becke for 203 N. Main Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, present, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 present. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the second application submitted by Mr. Fred Paschke of Mount Carroll, IL. The petitioner prays that the below described premises be granted a special use permit for a multiple-family dwelling. This was a single-family home. During reconstruction of this dwelling the petitioner is constructing an apartment in the walk out basement. Legal description: Lot 2 in Block 5 of the Rinewalt & Halderman's 1st Addition in the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, IL. Commonly known as 102 South Clay Street, Mount Carroll, IL. Alderman Bergren asked if when Mr. Paschke applied for his building permit for this residence, did he indicate that this property was to be used for a multi-family residence? Or when he applied for the state IDOT curb cut application? Clerk Cuckler stated that she did not recall that this was indicated on either of the permits. Alderman Bergren stated that he felt that Mr. Paschke did not set about his due diligence before starting this project. Mayor Bates stated he understood that Mr. Paschke did only see the added opportunity once he had started the project. Mayor Bates noted that the planning commission's recommendation was to approve this special use permit application. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the planning commission recommendation to grant the special use permit to Mr. Fred Paschke for the multiple-family dwelling at 102 South Clay Street. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, no, Lego, yes, Bergren, no, Sparboe, yes, Bork, no, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 3 yeses and 3 noes. Mayor Bates broke the tie and voted yes. Mayor Bates stated that the motion carried by majority vote of the city council.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the street solicitation request STREET SOLICITATION from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for October 27, 2007 at the highway intersection and the downtown intersection. Mr. Percy Vesperman of the Lions Club was in attendance and addressed the council about this "Candy Day" activity and the benefits to the needy kids throughout the nation. He presented a listing of the Lions Club monies and projects that have benefited the community over the last couple of years. Alderman Boelkens noted that he appreciated all that the organizations do within and for the community he stated he just objected to the street solicitation method of fundraising. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to allow the street solicitation request for the Mount Carroll Lions for October 27, 2007. 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.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2007-9-7, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Mayor Bates noted there were three additions to the enterprise zone. The first project was for the Carroll Industrial Molds, Inc. in Milledgeville, IL, the second was for Dr. Rastede Dental Clinic in Rock Falls, IL and the third was for First Rockford Group for a new retail development in Sterling, IL. Roll call vote: Alderman Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Ordinance No. 2007-9-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO.
2007-9-7

Mayor Bates reported of a meeting called by State Representative Michael REP. MIKE BOLAND Boland at the Rock Island County Building on September 24th at 6:00 p.m. to talk about the state budget and the veto items and how this would affect his district. Mayor Bates and Alderman Bork stated that they would plan to attend this meeting.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the agreement with Sharon Pepin, Community Funding & Planning Services, for the DCEO Monitoring Visit for the city's past CDAP grants. Cost not to exceed \$700. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Sharon Pepin to conduct the DCEO CDAP Grant Monitoring Visit for the city. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

AGREEMENT

Mayor Bates read the project status report submitted by Sharon Pepin. Noted the progress of the current grants for Southeast Lane and the brick street project.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn this meeting to Monday, September 17, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the city hall. Roll call vote: Alderman Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned this meeting at 8:48 p.m. to reconvene on September 17, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in city hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 25, 2007 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector