

MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Lou Pingatore rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. CALL TO ORDER  
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, ROLL CALL  
Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Randy Stadel gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve MINUTES  
the minutes of the May 12, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote; 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today totaled \$706,519.52 FINANCIAL  
He noted that the water and sewer funds had negative balances. Alderman REPORT  
Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the interfund INTERFUND TRANSFER  
of \$45,000 from the bond & interest sinking fund to the water fund and \$5,000 from the bond & interest sinking fund to the sewer fund in order to meet expenses for this month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the May 19<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES  
CEMETERY  
1. It was reported that the walnut trees had been injected and that one of the monuments that Sterling Wilbert Vault had moved last year should be replaced by them. This last matter will be brought to the superintendent's attention.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the May 19<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS  
1. Ordered the solar light for the flag pole at the park.  
2. Discussed the standing water in the ditch area along South Mill Street in front of the Hanson property.  
3. Discussed the South Jackson Street culvert/tube project.  
4. Discussed chipped pavement around the manhole cover at the intersection of Pleasant and College Street.  
5. Regarding the street painting for this spring the committee asked that the superintendent hold off painting the handicapped spaces until the assessment and recommendations are presented by the license and ordinance committee.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the May 19<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER

## Meeting:

1. Superintendent Handel reported that the engineers were working with the Illinois Department of Health to get the okay for the installation of the drain covers needed for the swimming pool. Once this was done the pool would be filled.
2. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and reported of the progress of the water improvements project. The City employees were working to get all of the system working and on line. This will bring an increase in water pressure throughout the system. The next construction progress meeting was set for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that the outside lighting at Well #2 would be fine to leave off at night.
3. Superintendent Handel reported that he had been contacted by the State IDOT about another possible water main relocate on Route 78. he would report back when he was more informed by their engineers.
4. Mr. Robert Law was in attendance and reported of a stone wall that was collapsing near or on his property. This has been gradually settling near the old mill site. There is a sewer main and line here that is located on an easement and right-of-way area. The wall needs to be replaced and he was questioning whose responsibility it was to do this work. Superintendent Handel stated that he felt the sewer line needed to be televised to see if there were any problems there before any fill or wall replacement was done here. The committee asked the superintendent to contact Plattenberger Plumbing to see if he had the equipment & could televise the area.

Mayor Bates reported of the May 19<sup>th</sup> license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORD.

1. Nuisance issues were discussed.
2. Scheduled a field trip to review the downtown parking for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. To meet at the corner of Main and Market Streets and ask Jim Rose and Kass Boyd to attend to help with assessing the handicapped spaces.
3. Discussed the feral cat population in the downtown area. Mrs. Jessica Warfield was in attendance and stated she has been working with the Humane Society and would plan to attend one of their meetings and report back with some options.
4. Discussed the guidelines provided for the new construction in the downtown historic district. Some issues to review.

Mayor Bates reported that there was a meeting to review the parking spaces earlier this evening and Mr. Rose and Ms. Boyd were going to provide some suggestions and guidelines for what is needed downtown. He stated they would also provide some guidelines for the rehab of the bathrooms at the community house.

Mayor Bates reported that the city attorney had provided a draft of the commercial vehicle parking ordinance for the council this evening.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the May 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported that he had asked the Mount Carroll Community CDC Development Corporation members to come to the meeting tonight to present information about the use of the City's contribution each year. Mr. Lou Schau, President of the CDC presented a handout with the corporations' mission, revenues and expenses and general information about the ongoing projects. Eleven audience members spoke out in support of the corporation and the City's continued contribution to the organization. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve and authorize the CDC line item funding at the \$6,000 contribution again for this fiscal year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes,

Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that he had received word that the DCEO had approved the CDAP grant funding for the Kraft Building Improvements (\$180,000) and the emergency grant for the Well #2 new casing.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported that the committee would have the markings in place at the park very soon for the council to look at for the walking trail.

Alderman Bergren reported that the People for Progress committee would be meeting on June 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the progress with the Kraft Building and the Stone House projects. He noted that he would be getting a couple of applications for the Downtown Enhancement Program soon. The city's contribution to the fund this year would be \$2,000.00.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the water improvements project. There have been some delays with getting all of the system on line in order to regulate the water pressure more before getting the full use of the new water tower. Lyons Well expects to have the well #2 casing work all done so then Loberg can continue to complete that work. He stated that Loberg would be incurring more insurance costs by extending the contract. This was presented in Change Order #13 in the amount of \$3,320.00. Sharon Pepin was in attendance and stated that it might be possible that some of the extension costs related to the well #2 emergency project might fit into the contingency funds of the CDAP grant. Discussed the final items to finish the water project. Nick reported that they have been providing Loberg with a punch list of items to complete before the final draw of funds was approved.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve change order #13 in amount of \$3,320 for the water improvements project contract with Loberg Excavating. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported that she just received information about the federal stimulus funds that have provided more funding for a new round of CDAP grants. The grant applications are due to Springfield, IL by June 5<sup>th</sup> and the projects will be required to be bid out as soon as 120 days after the grant award. Several projects were discussed. Mayor Bates noted the council would be going into executive session to discuss the purchase of land that would possibly be one project. To consider the Benton Street roadway improvement and the Commercial Street utilities extension. Sharon Pepin noted that with CDAP grants the project needs to provide for the retention or addition of jobs. The Commercial Street extension could qualify with the businesses that would tap to the new utilities.

Mayor Bates reported that the city crew members have indicated to him that they did not wish to have another cell phone provided by the city. He noted though that some of their private cell phone use has been used during work time. He would like to consider a stipend to be provided to the employees that use their cell phone for work related activities.

Mayor Bates presented the annual appointments for this fiscal year. He explained

some of the changes. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to confirm the annual appointments presented by the mayor for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2009. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, no, Bergren, no, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 2 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

The council discussed and considered the letter from Senator Mike Jacobs regarding the Mini-Capital Bill that was undergoing approval through the legislature. He needed the shovel-ready projects within his area for consideration. These are road projects. The consensus was that the Benton Street project improvement would fit here, but the question was whether the engineering could get done in order to be able to bid this project very soon. The consensus was that the mayor should write a letter to Senator Jacobs indicating that the small communities have limited resources to turn these projects around under such short notice.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass the MFT RESOLUTION Motor Fuel Tax Funds Resolution authorizing the use of \$55,000.00 from the motor fuel tax fund for the South East Street roadway improvement. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The MFT General Maintenance Resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Len Anderson reported of the set up of the Car Cruise set for June 13<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bates reported that the new light in the parking lot was installed and at no cost by Jo Carroll Energy. He also reported that the street department would be working on the brick pavement that had heaved in the middle of the street in the area.

Mayor Bates reported of the recent correspondence.

1. A letter about the tall weeds and grass at the 2 properties in the 900 block of North Washington Avenue. Chief Hockman reported that these two properties had been mowed just last Sunday.
2. A thank you letter from the Riverview Center for the donation and a thank you plaque from the Mayfest Committee.
3. A request from a circus that wanted to stop for a day in Mount Carroll. He stated he would refer this to the Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to go into executive CLOSED SESSION Session to consider the purchase or lease of real estate for the use of the public body. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates adjourned the session into the closed session at 9:04 p.m.

Mayor Bates called the meeting back into open session at 9:25 p.m.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the OPTIONS TO Mayor to negotiate on two parcels of property for the City to be considered for PURCHASE LAND funding through the DCEO American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Flexible Funding Grant. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, abstain, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

Sharon Pepin noted that she could work up the applications for two grant GRANT WRITING programs regarding the possible land purchase and the Commercial Street project. If she did two

applications she would charge a fee of \$2,500.00 per each application, if awarded. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to hire Sharon Pepin of Community Funding and Planning Services to write the two grants for the DCEO American Recovery & Reinvestment Act CDAP economic development and flexible funds grant programs at a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the SPECIAL MEETING special meeting for June 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall to consider the grant applications for the DCEO CDAP grants. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, 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 Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 9, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector