

MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Eina Schroeder 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mrs. Wilma Pauley, Mount Carroll Church of God, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the May 11, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes,
Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes and 2
absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2010 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Sparboe,
absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that the bank account balances totaled \$611,830.31 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. There were three accounts that would be addressed in the finance committee meeting report.
Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented.
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, absent, and
Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Bergren reported of the May 17th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge project. To consider for next year's work to get the engineering done and assess whether this would be a rehabilitation project or replacement project. To check into the Federal and State aid program.
2. Mayor Bates reported that the Brick Street project would be moved to the 400 block of North Main Street for this summer as there were no water and sewer lines needing repair or replacement.
3. The downtown sidewalk work was started this week.
4. Discussed salaries.
5. Discussed the police hours and scheduling with more hours of coverage during the week and weekend. To review this scheduling in a couple of months.

Mayor Bates reported of the May 24th license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussion of recent questions regarding the demolition of buildings. To consider whether to set up a formal review process for demolition permit applications for properties within the historic district.
2. Discussed notifications for weed and grass ordinance violations.
3. Discussed the hazard of a tree along IL Route 78 that was obstructing driver's visibility. Mayor Bates reported that the tree was on the State right-of-way and he would check on this matter again.
4. Mayor Bates reported of the license and ordinance committee recommendation to adopt the Ordinance Adopting the 2009 International Building Codes.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass ORDINANCE NO. 2010-5-1, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Ordinance No. 2010-5-1 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Police Chief Cass was to provide several sample ordinances for review by the city attorney regarding some alternatives to some of the State violations and penalties.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the May 24th water & sewer committee meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Nick Wagner of MSA was in attendance and reported of the 11-month walk through of the water tower. Mayor Bates reported of the request from Jo Carroll Energy to place an antenna on the water tower for wireless internet service. To check on maintenance costs before adding any more equipment on the tower. To consider whether a grant application is feasible for the Blackhawk Hills R, C, & D Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant Program. Possible projects would be to upgrade the metered street lighting in the downtown and at the Point Rock Park, or other improvements to one of the public works buildings.
2. Heard a report of the costs to separate the water lines to the two houses on Betty Smith's property in the 200 block of North Mill Street and the 200 block of West Rapp Street. \$1,100.00 plus the trenching fees. To schedule this as soon as possible.
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the water & sewer committee recommendation to send a letter to Mr. Tom Cravatta, owner of Area Small Engine Repair, located east of the East Commercial Street right-of-way, that the City would extend the water across Jackson Street to the farthest end of East Commercial Street and that he would be able to tap his water line to there. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates and Nick Wagner noted that they would check on the regulations regarding approval for a septic system or trenching out to the sewer main. These would be at Mr. Cravatta's expense at this time. Nick Wagner noted that Mr. Cravatta should be made aware of the fact that if the city were to install the water and sewer services along East Commercial Street in the future then he would need to abandon what was in place and tap to the City services.
4. Superintendent Handel reported that currently the pool was being filled. Burbach Aquatics had submitted plans to the State for what was needed to bring the drains into compliance, but the State office handling these stated that there would be several to many weeks before they could evaluate the plans for any construction permit, if needed. The committee directed the clerk to contact the insurance company about this matter while we are in the process of opening the pool for the season.

Mayor Bates reported of the cemetery board meeting discussion. The stone maintenance field trip to set priorities for the work to be done this year would be rescheduled for July. The walnut tree injections were done. Mayor Bates also noted the sidewalk and road repair work on a list to be done this year for the streets department.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 24th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation LIGHT BAR to approve the purchase of the equipment and labor to upgrade the light bars for the police squad cars by Holland Automotive at the cost of \$990.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and

- 2 absent. The motion was carried.
2. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation K9 KENNEL to approve the K9 kennel fabrication and blower fan installation for the Expedition squad car for the transport of the K9 dog at the cost of \$250.00 from Holland Automotive. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
 3. Discussed the salaries.
 4. Chief Cass stated he would be looking into grants for some equipment for the police department through US Congressman Manzullo's office. He also noted there were some smaller office supplies and equipment he would need. No objections to go ahead and order those items.
 5. Discussed the police presence and coverage over the Mayfest/Memorial Day weekend.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the May 25th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Reviewed the draft budget/appropriation ordinance. Scheduled a meeting for June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. to go over more of the line items.
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the contribution of \$300 towards the entertainment to the Mt. Carroll Lutheran Church ice cream social in the downtown on July 27th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$1,000 from the general fund to the garbage fund and \$500 from the general fund to the recreation fund in order to meet expenses for the month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$7,500 from the water fund to the sewer fund in order to meet expenses for the month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, expressed the board's appreciation to the council for their support with the open house at the Kraft Building on May 23rd. The way finding signs should be delivered within the week.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported that there was an IEPA LOAN amount of \$683 that was still due from the IEPA loan for the water project if the City wished to have her apply for this. There was a discrepancy with the last bill submitted by MSA so the EPA deducted the above amount. The council members present voiced their approval to ask Sharon to apply for this last disbursement of the IEPA loan money.

The council members voiced their approval to schedule a public hearing for June 22, 2010 to conduct the close out of the CDAP grant for the Kraft Building Rehabilitation Project.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize IDOT GRANT CLOSE OUT the mayor to sign the close out documents for the grant from IDOT for the Southeast Lane Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to hire Sharon ENERGY GRANT Pepin to write the grant to Blackhawk Hills R, C, & D for the energy grant to upgrade the lighting in the metered street lights owned by the City and possibly consider improvements to one of the public works buildings, cost to Ms. Pepin \$350.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, absent, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 20th People for Progress meeting. He also reported that Eina Schroeder's daughter, Taylor Murray, has volunteered to be on the Mt. Carroll Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. Ms. Murray was in the audience and was recognized.

Mayor Bates asked about whether there were any objections if he set up a metal pick up in town again with Mr. Floyd Brien from Savanna, IL. No objections were presented by the council members present.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Sparboe, absent, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeases, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 8, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector