

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

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 Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 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 authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2009 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported that the total of the bank accounts as of today were at \$743,042.70. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Lego 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMITTEES

Alderman Sparboe reported of the March 24th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Continued review of the budget for next year. It was noted that health insurance costs were going to increase 18.25%. Alderman Cooper provided a spreadsheet of expenses grouped by the line items from all of the funds. A question whether some supplies could be ordered with other communities or entities that would provide some savings. To check on available options through the State Joint Procurement Program and make some contacts with vendors about cost savings if certain items were purchased in bulk. Discussed salaries for the city employees. The consensus was to ask the health insurance agent to meet with the council to talk about the insurance options first. A meeting was scheduled for March 31st at 6:00 p.m. in city hall with the insurance agent, John Bickelhaupt.

Mayor Bates reported that he met with Superintendent Dauphin and

TREES

Tree Board member Ralph Eads today to discuss the placement of 20 new trees from the Brian Woessner tree farm. The tree board would be working with the street superintendent to mark out some places for new or replacement trees in parkways. Some would also be planted in the cemetery.

Mayor Bates noted that the next license and ordinance committee meeting was scheduled for April 27th at 6:00 p.m. This would be an opportunity to consider the commercial vehicle ordinance again to put into a final draft.

Len Anderson, Mary Ann Hutchison and Ed Leipus were in attendance for the Friends of the Waukarusa. Mr. Anderson reported that they have walked out and identified an area about 800 linear feet in Point Rock Park for a walking trail to be

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improved with blacktop. To check on cost estimates for improving the trail with a preferred 6' width and adding "life trail stations". Mr. Leipus reported that the last planned "Jam Night" at the community house had to be canceled. The members were working on the April 25, 2009 Spring Fling at the Park. Kallemezoo's would handle the beer tent and they were hoping to have up to ten co-ed teams for a Charity Softball Tournament.

Mr. John Swiech of the People for Progress committee was in attendance and reported that the committee continues to accept and review the "new resident" surveys and is working with the state on placing the vacant business and industry buildings on their site listings. Mr. Swiech reported that Alderman Bergren would be the chair for this committee from now on.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported that the grant application for the improvement of the Kraft Building has been submitted to the State and the Saturday morning volunteer workers have been busy in the Kraft building as well.

Mayor Bates read the MSA Project update as submitted. The report was about the water works improvements project and the start up of the spring work now the weather is a bit better.

Mr. Claude Lease the Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission representative was in attendance and addressed the council about what services he provides and the hours that he is available in the Carroll County Courthouse in Mount Carroll. The council members present thanked Mr. Lease for coming to the meeting.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Lego seconded to grant approval to the Mount Carroll Lions Club to conduct a street solicitation on May 9, 2009 at the Main and Market Streets intersection only in town. 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. Mayor Bates noted that as long as the State had construction operation along Route 64 there would not be any solicitations at the highway intersections.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported that all plans were in place for this year's "Cruise Nights" on June 13th, July 18th, August 15th and September 19th. He noted that they have scheduled the 3-D Sound DJ set for the June 13th activity. It was noted that the city would also be helping with the costs for the music entertainment for the events. Police Chief Delbert Hockman asked about the placement of a street light near this parking lot that was requested last year? Mayor Bates stated he would check with Bryan McCaskey from Jo Carroll Energy to see where the new light would be installed.

Mayor Bates reported that the Riverview Center at 106 E. Market Street would be holding an Open House on April 1st at 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Riverview Center, Inc. provides Carroll County with Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Services.

Mayor Bates reported he was planning to attend the March 30th meeting in East Moline, IL scheduled by State Representative Mike Boland to hear testimony on regional transportation infrastructure issues. Alderman Bork stated that she had contacted Representative Boland's office and that she was going to be on the agenda. Alderman Bergren stated that he would be interested in attending the meeting.

Alderman Bergren stated that he had provided some copies of photographs from Logan, Ohio and Morrison, IL of downtown brick buildings. The one had collapsed and the one in Morrison showed a wall that was bowed out and looked ready to collapse. He expressed his concern about the building at the corner of Market and Carroll Street and stated he felt we had a similar situation. Mayor Bates and Clerk Cuckler stated that there was an assessment done by a structural engineer. He suggested continuing to document the status of the building. A decision to take any further action would be up to the council.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the April 14, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector