

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Kenneth Lego 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 Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend mark Harkness, Mount Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the February 23, 2010 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 Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of March 2010 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 bank account balances totaled \$625,348.56 FINANCIAL REPORT as of today. He noted that the garbage fund was discussed during finance this evening as there would be a short fall to consider for this fiscal year's bills. Aldermen Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper 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.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Bergren reported of the March 1st police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Mayor Bates noted that there were 52 applications submitted to city hall as of the deadline date of today for the future opening position in the department. He stated he had scheduled a meeting with Mr. Daniel McCollum, President, Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives, for tomorrow, March 2nd to discuss how he might be of assistance in our selection process and review of the applications. The committee went into executive session. After coming out of executive session Mayor Bates and Alderman Bergren stated that the committee had reviewed the 52 applications and cut those down to 33 applicants for the mayor and Chief Hockman to consider more thoroughly with Mr. McCollum during their meeting on March 2nd. Another meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 5th.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the March 9th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported of his meeting with Mr. McCollum POLICE APPLICANTS and Chief Hockman last week. They had narrowed down the police position applications to eleven or twelve. Mr. McCollum was in attendance and explained what was suggested to the mayor and chief in reducing the applicants to be considered for interviews. Mayor Bates and Mr. McCollum provided a questionnaire that was sent out to the remaining twelve applicants to be back into city hall by March 15th. Another police committee meeting was scheduled for March 15th at 6:00 p.m.
3. Discussed a nuisance complaint from neighbors regarding the property located at 104 E. Broad Street. To refer this matter to the city attorney.

4. Discussed a water drainage problem from School Alley. To bring this matter to the street superintendent.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation 20-YR. EMPLOYEE to approve the purchase of \$30 in Mt. Carroll Chamber Bucks to CRAIG VIETMEYER be presented to City Employee Craig Vietmeyer in recognition of his 20 years of employment. 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.
6. Discussed that the garbage fund would be going into the red to GARBAGE FUND meet expenses this month. The committee asked the clerk to contact the city attorney about an ordinance to increase the rates by \$1.00 to \$7.00 per residence per month.
7. Discussed the condition of the Galena Street Bridge.
8. Discussed the proposals for the community house bathroom remodeling project. Discussed the need to review the funds and what other resources might be available to help fund this.
9. Alderman Sparboe commented on the resolution of support to the Jo Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority that was approved at the last meeting.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported of the progress with CDC the Kraft Building Rehabilitation Project. The new windows are supposed to be delivered soon, the inside framing was complete and the tin ceiling repairs were progressing well. He reported of the draw request from Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$46,593.04. This would need action from the council to request the CDAP funds for this amount. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize CDAP DRAW REQUEST the mayor to sign the draw request for the CDAP funds for the Kraft Building project in the amount of \$46,593.04. 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.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve KRAFT BUILDING BILLS payment if the bills to Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning for the Kraft Building project in the amount of \$46,593.04. 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.

The council discussed the proposed agreement with JCWIFI of Freeport, TOWER LEASE IL to place an antenna on the City water tower to provide improved wireless internet service in the Mount Carroll area. The agreement to include three free internet connections to the City buildings and a monthly rent of \$150.00. Mayor Bates stated he would see that Mr. Butson of JCWIFI received a draft of the agreement. The council members present voiced their approval to ask if the company would provide another free service to the Public Library along with the three City connections.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to enter into a BURBACH AQUATICS Professional Services Agreement with Burbach Aquatics, Inc. for performance of professional services for the City swimming pool and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. 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 Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to direct Burbach Aquatics, Inc. to initiate performance of Phase I – Step #1 service at a cost of \$4,500.00. 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.

The council members present discussed the proposed dog park and how to pay for it. Mayor Bates stated he felt this was a good idea, but maybe another location should be considered to reduce the amount of fencing needed. No action was taken at this time.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the STREET SOLICITATION street solicitation request from the Mount Carroll Lions Club for May 8, 2010 at the downtown and highway intersections. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, no, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, no, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 4 yeses and 2 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve PETSMA RT GRANT a letter of support by the mayor to the Humane Society of Carroll County to help with a grant application to the PetSmart Charities. 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.

Mr. Len Anderson, Friends of the Waukarusa, was in attendance and PARK TRAILS provided an update of proposed trails for Point Rock Park; moving the trails to the back of the park. Mayor Bates stated that this matter could be brought to the public works committee meetings on Monday, March 22nd.

The Council members in attendance voiced their approval to send a letter to the State legislators in support of the proposed senate and house bills establishing the rehabilitation tax credits. The tax credit would allow a credit on Illinois state income taxes for a percentage of the costs of a qualified historic rehabilitation.

Mayor Bates noted that the city attorney provided a draft of the fill ordinance to be reviewed by the council.

Aldermen Boelkens and Cooper stated that they would like to attend the Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting with the mayor on March 18th in Byron, IL.

Alderman Bergren and Cooper reported of the Rural Development Conference that they attended last week in Peoria, IL.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 23, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector