

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2007 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Gwen Lowe 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, Nina ROLL CALL  
Cooper, present, Diane Lego, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork,  
present.

Alderman Nina Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Reverend David Vidler, First Lutheran Church, gave the invocation

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the August 14, 2007 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 Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of August 2007 as PAYABLE  
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 of the bank account balances as of August 28<sup>th</sup>. Grand FINANCIAL  
Total: \$852,217.32. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to REPORT  
approve the financial report as presented. 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 reported of the August 15<sup>th</sup> historic preservation advisory COMMITTEES  
committee meeting: HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION

1. The following new business items were discussed:
  - \*Properties to be designated as Local Landmarks: Kraft Building & Hotel Glenview
  - \*As per the CCI exchange, it was noted that city hall didn't have a sign. A small sign should be hung from the eaves, or perhaps a window decal.
  - \*Downtown Revolving Loan: Larry DeSpain would like to apply for this for the Glenview building, and the CDC for the next fiscal year.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 27<sup>th</sup> Water, Sewer and Streets STREETS  
committees meeting:

1. MSA Liaison Marty Beranek reported that due to the rain the work on Southeast Lane is three weeks to a month behind schedule. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September, assuming that extended weather delays are not experienced. Nicor Gas has finished the relocating of their gas main.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the streets committee recommendation to CIVIL PAYMENT  
authorize the payment to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$135,356.76 for the Southeast Lane  
Roadway Improvement Project. This figure includes the change order due to the unexpected need to  
relocate a water main. 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.
3. After lengthy discussions with Fischer Excavating, MSA recommends SIPHON PROJECT

3. that they be allowed to terminate the siphon contract with a payment by the city of \$14,924.63. This is \$1,291.47 less that the contract called for, but it allows the city crew to begin adjusting the system to, hopefully, improve efficiency. The committee asked to receive information of warranty issues before considering this payment.
4. Superintendent Handel and Superintendent Dauphin reported that they planned to attend the IDOT meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> in Dixon to learn more about the proposed work on Highway 64 in the near future.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the water and sewer committee recommendation REFRIGERATOR to approve the purchase of a new refrigerator for the lab at the treatment plant at a cost not to exceed \$400. 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. The motion was carried.
6. Superintendent Handel reported that the company which initially quoted a CLARIFIER price of approximately \$23,000 for the new clarifier medium is no longer able to supply the material. Superintendent Handel has been able to locate comparable material from another source, but at the cost of \$33,263. Noted this figure was still well below the initial budget item estimated at \$75,000. Alderman Sparboe presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to authorize the purchase of the new clarifier medium at the cost of \$33,263. 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.
7. Superintendent Dauphin reported that some questions have been raised about the seal coating material recently applied. Due to the rain, some of the liquid petroleum product has spread beyond where it was initially applied. He has spread sand as needed and noted that this is not a toxic material.

Mayor Bates stated that one other item discussed at the meeting was whether to MOWING consider advertising for more help this fall to work on the mowing since the extra summer helper has gone back to school. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to advertise for part time help to mow for the remainder of the season. 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.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the August 28<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to INTERFUND authorize the interfund transfer of \$5,000 from the general fund to the TRANSFER recreation fund in order to meet expenses for the 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.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to SHARON PEPIN approve the proposal from Sharon Pepin, Community Funding & Planning Services, to provide consulting services for the monitoring and site visit for two of the CDAP Grants that the city has received at a cost not to exceed \$700. 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 Bergren reported of the August 27<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Hockman reported that the squad car would need new chrome rings. Total cost \$80.00

Reverend David Vidler representing the Friends of the Waukarusa stated that the Friends members were soliciting volunteers for a park clean up on October 6<sup>th</sup>. FRIENDS

Mr. John Swiech of the Competitive Community Initiative Steering Committee reported that their next meeting in September would be addressing Economic Development issues.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported that the tuck pointing of the Kraft building would be completed soon. He also asked the council to consider one of the decal signs for the front window of the City Hall that would say "City Hall". Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the purchase of a decal sign for the front window of the city hall at a cost through the Chamber of \$50.00. Roll call vote: Alderman Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. CDC

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the street solicitation request from the Knights of Columbus on September 15, 2007 at the downtown and highway intersections. Alderman Boelkens voiced his objection to the street solicitations. Mayor Bates noted that typically these were national clubs within the community that do promote and give back to the community. He stated that he agreed that there were numerous ones but we have tried to reduce these numbers over the years. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the street solicitation request from the Knights of Columbus. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, no, Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. The motion was carried. STREET SOLICITATIONS

Reverend David Vidler representing the Ministerial Association addressed the council to request permission to block off Main Street from Washington Street to Benton Street and Franklin Street at its intersection with Main Street on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to hold a Community Block Party on the street from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Weather permitting it is the goal of the churches to use these two blocks for tables, chairs, cooker/grills and an inflatable "Jumping Jack" for children to bring together the people of Mount Carroll. He stated if there is rain that the event would be held in the Methodist Church Hall. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to grant the request from the Ministerial Association to block off Main Street for the September 15<sup>th</sup> "Block Party" from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Boelkens, yes, Bork, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. BLOCK PARTY

Ms. Gwen Lowe of the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to address the council about the activities for the September 8<sup>th</sup> Brick Street Days. There will be DJ entertainment, a car, truck and tractor show, the farmers market, citywide rummage sales, and games. She stated that this event would be set up basically as usual in the downtown on this date and requested any contribution of volunteer time or funds that would be possible. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the contribution of \$200 from the band fund to the Mount Carroll Chamber towards the entertainment for the Brick Street Days event. 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. BRICK STREET

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO.

No. 2007-8-6, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, 2007-8-6  
CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO SET A DATE FOR AND TO APPROVE A PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN AND  
SOUTH CITY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT. Roll  
call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 5  
yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2007-8-6 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bergren reported of the volunteer work on Saturday mornings from PAVER BRICKS  
10:00 a.m. to noon to clean and stack the paver bricks that were removed from Broadway Street.

Alderman Cooper presented an article from the "Bloomberg.com" titled '*Dead-End' Austrian Town  
Fuels Boom with Green Energy*. Noted the community efforts over time to change its struggling  
economic status.

Alderman Cooper also noted the information from the Nortel company regarding broadband wireless for  
municipal applications. She stated that she would like to contact them about more information about this  
matter. The council members present voiced their approval.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence:

1. The Moring Disposal, Inc. recycling report for July 2007. Total of 33,460 lbs.
2. The annual swimming pool report submitted by Pool Manager Deb Gallentine.
3. The Chamber notice of the next meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. There was going to be a tour of the  
Blackwaters USA North facility north of town and dinner to follow at the Tuc-A-Way Lodge.

Reverend David Vidler noted that the First Lutheran Church would be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
in 2008.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT  
meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes during the September 11, 2007 regular  
meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector