

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Bates noted that the bell was out of order for this meeting.

RINGING OF BELL

Mayor 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, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Wilma Pauley gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 regular meeting and the June 3, 2009 special 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.

MINUTES

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of June 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.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mayor Bates noted that the bank account balances as of today were at \$692,395.51. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMITTEES

Alderman Sparboe reported of the June 9th finance committee meeting:

FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Mayor Bates reported of sending information to Senator Jacobs regarding the Benton Street roadway improvements to be considered for the mini-capital bill. The total cost is \$540,000. The county highway engineer helped to put together the information to be submitted to Senator Jacobs.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the proposal from Loberg Excavating in the amount of \$7,675.00 for the work to relocate the water main under IL Route 78 at the highway intersection. 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.
4. The council members present acknowledged and recognized Mr. Robert Sievert for his seventeen years of service as the City Zoning Officer. Mr. Sievert was in attendance and the mayor presented a certificate and an Illinois coin as a token of appreciation. Mr. Sievert thanked the council for the recognition.
5. Mayor Bates reported that he had asked Mr. Jeff Davis to provide a quote for the painting of the fire escape along the back wall of the city hall building.
6. The committee discussed some of the handicapped parking issues. Alderman Bork reported that she had been contacted about setting up a handicapped parking space near the Schneider House Furniture business located on Broadway Street.
7. Discussed the well #2 casing project. It was noted that the project should be completed by the end of this week.

BENTON STREET

RTE 78 WATER MAIN

ZONING OFFICER

RETIRING

Mr. Len Anderson, Mr. Ed Leipus and Mrs. Mary Ann Hutchison of the PARK TRAIL Friends of the Waukarusa were in attendance to ask the council to consider the location of the walking trail that they had marked out for the paving improvements. After some discussion Mayor Bates noted that this matter would be considered again at the next meeting when all of the council has a chance to look at the location and after discussion at the departments meetings on June 22nd.

Mr. Lou Schau of the CDC reported that he would be submitting two CDC applications for the Downtown Enhancement Program Loan for the Historic Preservation Committee to review. The committee would be starting the construction bidding process for the work to be done on the Kraft Building. The Beautification Committee members were working hard on the Welcome to Mt. Carroll signs at each highway entrance into town.

Mr. Jake Ehmke, MSA, was in attendance and presented the update of the MSA UPDATE current projects.

- Preliminary construction and engineering services cost estimates were provided for the Benton Street reconstruction for the City's use.
- PHASE 2 WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS – Under contract #1 with Loberg Excavating change order #14 was submitted in the amount of \$1,496.10. This work consisted of installing a new water service line to the waterworks building. Alderman CHANGE ORDER Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve change order #14 with the Loberg Excavating contract in the amount of \$1,496.10. 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. Loberg Excavating submitted payment PAYMENT APPLICATION application #18 in the amount of \$85,121.26. Alderman Sparboe moved and Aldermen Boelkens seconded to approve payment application #18 in the amount of \$85,121.26 to 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. The change order and payment application will be submitted to the IEPA for review and approval. Under contract #2 with Maguire Iron the final punch list items were being addressed. The elevated storage tank is in the process of being filled and should be completed shortly. The old tank is scheduled to be dismantled on June 22nd. Maguire Iron PAYMENT APPLICATION submitted payment application #11 in the amount of \$3,500.00. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve payment application #11 in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Maguire Iron. 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. The next construction status meeting is scheduled for June 19th at 8:00 a.m. in city hall.

Mayor Bates read the Project Status Report submitted by Sharon Pepin of STATUS REPORT Community Funding & Planning Services. A copy of the report to be added to the record and a part of these minutes. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded LOAN DRAW to approve the EPA loan draw request in the amount of \$71,731. Roll call vote: REQUEST 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 stated that the next item on the agenda was the Commercial ORDINANCE

Vehicle Parking Ordinance. Alderman Sparboe commented that he did appreciate the work done to develop this, but only viewed some limited or isolated problems so he said he would have trouble passing this ordinance. Alderman Cooper stated that with what had happened amongst neighbors that a similar problem could happen again in the future. Alderman Bergren commented that these problems should be addressed before they crop up again. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2009-6-2, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, no, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Lego, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 1 no and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2009-6-2 was adopted by majority vote.

Mr. Len Anderson, Car Cruise organizer, reported that all was ready for the CAR CRUISE June 13th Car Cruise Night. Thank you to the council and city crew. He stated he hoped all would go to the circus that will be at the park then come into town for the cruise night activities. He reported that the Freeport newspaper had contacted him about doing photos on that night as well.

Mr. Mark Roach, 208 South Clay Street, was in attendance and addressed the council about the community house and the water works improvements project. He stated that he understood some improvements were being proposed at the community house and he could provide some electrical materials as well as labor, if the council wished. He also commented that he was told that there were some issues with the conduit used at the wells for the water works project. He provided some information regarding costs for the different conduit. Mr. Jake Ehmke, MSA, and the mayor stated that this matter was on the punch list for resolution before the project would be approved for final completion. They noted that it would be resolved by meeting the specifications or providing an agreed upon dollar value credit. Alderman Bork stated she was concerned if this matter was to be discussed at the construction status meeting when they might not be able to attend. Mayor Bates stated that anything that is discussed at the June 19th meeting would be reported on at the June 22nd committee meetings.

Mayor Bates stated that the next item on the agenda was the letter from SUBDIVISION QUESTION Mr. Robert Zickau regarding the road improvement to be considered in the Palisade's Heights Subdivision #1. Mr. Zickau noted that he felt the roadway that was platted in the subdivision should be improved to make the lots more attractive for sale. The consensus of the council was to ask the city attorney to review this letter first and get back to the council by the next council meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Noted the letter from the Blackhawk Hills R, C&D regarding the Capital Improvement Plan Workshop scheduled for August 5th in Rock Falls, IL. Attendance will be required in order to receive the CIP incentive payment.
2. Noted the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was now available and had been published by the city water & sewer superintendent.
3. Mayor Bates noted the letter from Mrs. Mary Ann Hutchison, 509 S. Clay Street, regarding repair needed at the driveway access to Clay Street. This letter would be passed along to the Street Superintendent.
4. Considered the letter from Carolyn Barrett of Ideal Insurance Agency regarding municipal commercial insurance coverage. The consensus of the council members present was to direct the clerk to pursue the bidding of commercial insurance for the city this year.

5. Noted the report from the county clerk & recorded of the most recent assessed valuation of property for the city. To consider some dates to start the tax levy for this year.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the June 23, 2009 regular meeting. (Attachment of page 5 is available for view in the City Hall office)

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector