

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Todd Birkel 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, absent, Nina ROLL CALL
Cooper, absent, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork,
present.
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Dave Johnston gave the invocation.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes,
Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The
motion was carried.

Aldermen Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS
Payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2008 as PAYABLE
approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes,
Lego, yes. Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The motion was
carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances totaled \$641,487.74 with the FINANCIAL
interest rates at 3.37% and 3.38%. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork REPORT
seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes,
Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. The
motion was carried.

Alderman Bork reported of the January 15th police committee meeting: COMMITTEES
POLICE

1. Chief Hockman expressed his department's appreciation to the council for the Christmas bonuses.
2. Chief Hockman asked the council to consider adding the purchase of a new squad car in this next year's budget.
3. Chief Hockman reported that they have been watching the fuel budget carefully, however he asked that this line item be increased for this next year.
4. Chief Hockman asked the council to consider the adoption of the resolution that would allow an employee to convert military service credit to Illinois Municipal Retirement Service. He would have a desire to pursue this. The committee members noted that they would like to have an estimate of the costs for this.
5. Superintendent Dauphin expressed his appreciation to Chief Hockman and the department for their help this winter season.

Mayor Bates stated that he would also like to know what is required if he were to go under the IMRF plan with the city.

Mr. John Swiech of the People for Progress committee was in attendance and reported of the strategic plan progress. He stated that they would have a draft of this plan available for review to meet with the local organizations by February 28th. He stated that he hoped that representatives from the city would be able to attend this meeting.

Alderman Bork reported of the January 15th water, sewer and streets committee meeting: She noted that there was not a quorum but the following was discussed.

WATER, SEWER &
STREETS

1. Nick Wagner, MSA was in attendance and presented the proposed ad and newsletter that we could use for information about the water project to the public. To look over and present feedback about this draft. Decided to have the city hall and waterworks phone numbers on the newsletter for the city contact. The council would need to consider how to distribute this newsletter.
2. The construction update meeting for January 18th has been canceled.
3. The work on the new well was continuing with work on the alignment.
4. The bridge inspection for IDOT compliance was completed. The structural engineer would be providing a cost estimate for a thorough inspection with repair and rehabilitation costs. The cost for the engineer to complete this project would be \$3,300. Alderman Cooper and Bork asked for an idea of the scope of work for this and amount of hours involved. Superintendent Dauphin reported that he was scheduling to replace some of the decking on the bridge this spring.
5. Superintendent Dauphin reported that this winter's work has taken a toll on the salt and fuel budget.
6. Sharon Pepin provided a spreadsheet presenting the IEPA loan disbursement log.

Mrs. Jan VanBuskirk of the newspaper stated that she felt that the newspaper editor/owner would be agreeable to print the full newsletter about the water project at least once.

Alderman Bork asked about whether more of the bricks had been delivered? Mayor Bates stated he would check on that matter.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the January 22nd finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Clerk Cuckler asked about updating the bank resolution to have all of the finance committee members with the mayor and clerk authorized to sign checks. The consensus of the committee was to have this resolution on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. Alderman Sparboe expressed his appreciation to the street department for the good work this winter after the snow and ice storms.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC President, was in attendance and reported they were conducting their annual planning. He reported that they received word the CDC would be receiving an USDA grant in the amount of \$99,000 towards the restoration of the Kraft building. All noted their congratulations to the CDC for this accomplishment.

Mr. Todd Birkel of MSA was in attendance to present the project update report and review the proposal to assist the City with the recommended

MSA UPDATE
BRIDGE

Galena Street Bridge evaluation. He presented the cost estimate with the scope of services. Total engineering cost \$3,300. Alderman Bork expressed her concern that some of this work would be duplicating what had been done for the IDOT inspection. Mr. Birkel stated that he would be taking what he had from that inspection and completing a more thorough review of the bridge and providing a complete assessment of the deficiencies, what would be recommended to correct and at what cost estimate. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the engineering task order to conduct the inspection of the Galena Street Bridge and advise the City on what was needed to be done to repair the bridge. Mayor Bates asked when this might be done? Mr. Birkel stated weather permitting he would start sometime in March and provide a report within two weeks after his site visit. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, no, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper,

absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 1 no, and 2 absent. The motion was carried.

Report of the Water Works Project:

“Albrecht Well Drilling has completed the drilling phase of well #4 construction. The test well is currently being abandoned. Following this tests on well #4 will begin, consisting of perform the alignment and plumbness tests, develop the well, and then install a test pump to determine actual well performance. This work will be conducted in the next few weeks. Albrecht anticipates being completed in Earl February. In mid- to late-February. Loberg will start well house #4 construction and Maguire Iron is planning to mobilize on site to start on the elevated water storage tank construction.

If the trees on S. Jackson Street and Broadway Street are ready for removal, please let MSA know and we will relay the information to Loberg.

A letter should be prepared to inform the residents in the areas where water service lines will be replaced (specifically S. Jackson Street and Broadway Street) that now may be the time to replace their water service lines from the curb stop to their home.”

A new draft of the Project Newsletter was provided for the City’s review.

Mayor Bates noted that the encroachment matter on Commercial Street would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2008-1-19, AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY. 2008-1-19
Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Cooper, absent, and Boelkens, absent. Ordinance No. 2008-1-19 was adopted.

Mr. Dave Johnston was in attendance and wished to express his appreciation to CDC THANK YOU the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation director and president, John Swiech and Lou Schau, along with Sharon Pepin for all of their efforts pursuing grants for the Kraft building project. Also, to commend them on all of the work so far on the building’s restoration. The council members present expressed their appreciation also.

Mayor Bates read the Project Status Report submitted by Sharon Pepin, LOAN ADMIN Community Funding & Planning Services. This reviewed the status of the IEPA Loan disbursements and the Safe Routes to School grant application.

Mayor Bates reported he had received a call from a resident located at the Rapp and Carroll Streets intersection about excessive noise from idling diesel vehicles. He asked if anyone else had received the same call? The mayor noted that he was working to try to resolve this neighborhood matter.

Mayor Bates noted the Moring Disposal recycling totals for the month of November 2007: 28,220 lbs.

Mayor Bates stated he had a request to use the Point Rock Park new pavilion for a wedding on May 17th. Clerk Cuckler stated she would talk with one of the Friends committee to see if this weekend was available.

Mayor Bates noted he had a request from the owners of the Mobil Convenience store for a liquor

license. He stated he was checking on the building to building footage from their building to the Catholic Church. There is a 100' limit. Mr. Birkel and Jan VanBuskirk suggested that the mayor should contact the county GIS person. This office should have scale photos that would provide a pretty accurate distance for the City to consider.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Boelkens, absent, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 4 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 12, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector