

MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Mary Boelkens rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL  
Alderman John Boelkens, in the absence of the mayor, called the meeting CALL TO ORDER  
to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, Aldermen John ROLL CALL  
Boelkens, present, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe,  
absent, and Doris Bork, present.  
Police Chief Fred Cass led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Pastor Elizabeth Mascal, First Lutheran Church of Mount Carroll, gave the invocation.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES  
minutes of the June 22, 2010 public hearing and the June 28, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll  
call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe,  
absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2010 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and  
Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORTS  
totaled \$727,207.37. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial  
reports as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes,  
Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

COMMITTEES  
Alderman Bergren reported of the July 13<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE  
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.  
2. Clerk Cuckler reported that the State salt bid award for road salt this year came in at \$5.00 a ton  
less than last year at \$62.61 per ton.  
3. Ms. Lorna May was in attendance and provided information about PET RESCUE  
the formation of the St. George Pet Rescue facility now located at 401 N. Main Street in town.  
She presented information about the various expenses for the operation and asked the council  
whether any contribution could be considered towards their efforts. The finance committee  
consensus was to review this matter and discuss again at the next meeting.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, reported of the status of the work at the Kraft Building project and that the CDC  
was investigating the development of a "River Walk" along the Waukarusa. Mr. Swiech and Clerk  
Cuckler reported that Mr. Schau of the CDC had provided an updated scope of work and plans for the  
remodeling of the community house to local contractors for a quote to base the estimates needed for the  
grant application to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and reported of the progress MSA UPDATE  
with the water project operations and with the East Commercial Street water main extension.  
Noted there were still some issues with discolored and rusty water in some areas of town.

Alderman Bergren and Mr. Len Anderson reported of the Brick Street BRICK STREET  
Restoration Project improvement to the 400 block of North Main Street. Thank you to the city crew and  
volunteers for all of the hard work getting this done.

Clerk Cuckler reported that Mr. Mark Morhardt of Mount Carroll, IL DIGESTER COVER contacted Mayor Bates and Water & Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel about cutting up and scrapping the sewer digester cover at no cost to the City and he would like to be able to receive all of the proceeds from the sale of this. Noted that he might secure several hundred dollars for his labor and transportation of the scrap metal. Mayor Bates asked the city attorney to draft a Waiver and Release for Mr. Morhardt to sign and authorized this work to be done. The original of the waiver was presented to the council for their review. No objections were presented by the council members in attendance.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 8<sup>th</sup> People for Progress committee PFP meeting. Under new business the topics discussed were looking for potential residential development sites in town, more historic site signs for the downtown buildings, to get more information about a new State renovation project.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass the MFT RESOLUTION Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the calendar year 2010 in the amount of \$55,000. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported that the Mount Carroll Church of God ELECTRIC AT WELCOME had requested to hook up an electric service from the church picnic/ SIGN recreation pavilion to the Welcome to Mount Carroll sign located fairly close to this building. They would be willing to pay up to \$100.00 per year to the City to defray the cost of the electricity and, they would pay for the installation to the City's meter. He stated that the monthly facility charge was \$18.00 per month then the charges for the electricity.

Mayor Bates came into the council chambers at 8:17 p.m.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the Church of God to install a electric power hook up at the power pole of the City's (at the Welcome to Mount Carroll sign) at a cost of \$100.00 annually and review the electric costs in May of 2011 to assess the costs. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, abstain, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates stated he would check with the city attorney about whether the current agreement with the Church of God for the Welcome sign should be updated or whether another agreement for this electric hook up was needed.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to confirm the ANNUAL APPOINTMENT Annual Appointments for the fiscal year 2010-2011 with the exception that Taylor Murray would be designated as an Honorary Member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee as she is a minor under 18 years of age. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

Mayor Bates reported that there was a difference in the wages to be paid POLICE CHIEF SALARY to the new Police Chief when he was hired than what was originally presented to the city council at the time of his hire in April of this year. The difference is another \$3,000.00 annually for the council to consider. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Lego seconded to table this matter to the next meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates commented about the Brick Street project completed to date, and noted he was pursuing plans to do another area on Main Street yet this year and getting all of the bricks in storage into one building to cut down on the rental space.

Police Chief Cass reported that he would need to order ammunition for AMMUNITION the department. He provided a quote from U.S. Training Center, Midwest of Mount Carroll. The total cost would be \$891.30. This order would probably last more than a year for the officer's annual training sessions. No action was presented at this time.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the July 27, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector