

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 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
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, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Nina Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Alderman John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the September 14, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens,
yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 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 September 2010 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes.
Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT
\$660,740.63. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report
as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper,
yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 27th license & ordinance COMMITTEES
committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Alderman Cooper reported of her investigation of the training needed for the proposed building inspector for the City. There are four sections offered – residential, commercial, plan review and code enforcement. The total cost of the training and certification would be about \$1,620. To make contact to a certain individual whether he or she was interested, then to report back to the council.
2. Discussed some of the nuisance issues.

Alderman Lego reported of the September 27th cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Discussed the repair of the grave sites after a burial.
2. Repair of the old stones. The ones indicated for the Ivey Monument to do have been completed. Waiting to hear back from Law-Jones about what they might be able to do yet this fall.
3. No meetings for the months of October, November and December unless there were matters to address.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the September 27th water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER
meeting:

1. Heard complaints about rusty, discolored and very smelly water issues from residents on North Washington Avenue, South Clay Street, Strickler Avenue, Spring Avenue, Turnbaugh Street, and Aspen Park Drive. Discussed what actions could or should be done to investigate the problems and what type of action plan is feasible. To look into getting some water samples, flush the hydrants in the problem areas and check the water again. To work with the engineers to isolate

and determine the problem. Superintendent Handel will also check with representatives from the Water Solutions Company about how to check the chemical feed into the system.

2. Superintendent Handel reported that they ran into a large rock in front of the house on Rapp Street owned by Mrs. Betty Smith when installing the water line. Looking to get the equipment in to get the rock broken up to place the water line.
3. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and presented the report of the warranty site review of the water works improvements project.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 27th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Have opened the Point Rock Park back up after the July flooding. The grass seeding went pretty well.
2. The crew were working on sidewalks, Broadway Street and Clay Street on the schedule. Would also try to get some of the blacktopping done before the weather changes.
3. A fall clean-up with Moring Disposal has been scheduled for October 16th.

Alderman Bergren reported of the September 27th police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Cass reported that the City of Dixon had a heat sensor alarm system available for squad cars. To check on installation costs and report back.
2. Discussed the number of assist calls.
3. Discussed the K-9 visits to the schools and calls for assists.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the September 28th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND to authorize the interfund transfer of \$5,000.00 from the water fund TRANSFER and \$5,000.00 from the depreciation fund to the sewer fund in order to meet the expenses for the month. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
3. Discussed some of the water and sewer rates of some surrounding towns.
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation COMPENSATION to instruct the clerk to contact the city attorney regarding the draft of OF ELECTED an ordinance changing the compensation for elected officials (Aldermen) OFFICIALS from the \$25.00 per council meeting to \$40.00 per council meeting and add the compensation of \$40.00 for the one monthly committee meeting (with all of the departments). Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. Mayor Bates stated if the council could read the ordinance at the next meeting then it could be considered for a vote at the last meeting in October.
5. Clerk Cuckler reported that the Mount Carroll Ministerial Association have again asked to have the Christmas Gift Giving applications available in City Hall. There were no objections from the council members in attendance.
6. Mayor Bates reported that the City of Savanna pulled up about 1,000 paver bricks from the sidewalk in front of the True Value Store and asked if the City would like to have these. The City would need to transport them to town. Mayor Bates stated he told them that we would like these and he left a message for Superintendent Dauphin with who to contact with the City of Savanna to make arrangements for the pick up.
7. Discussed the comment that there was an individual that had witnessed someone taking some of City's paver bricks from the burning grounds area. Asked Chief Cass to check on this matter.

8. Heard a report of damage to the grassy area in the park from someone driving a vehicle through the area. The check on the repair of the park gates and barriers to keep people from driving into the park late at night.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the Kraft Building CDC floors were now done and the building would be open more hours very soon. He asked if the council had reviewed the placement of a handicapped parking space next to the building. PARKING To meet all of their regulations for funding, one space would be needed. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance establishing the handicapped parking restriction at the west side of Main Street by the Kraft Building. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mr. Schau reported that the committee was considering an area for a look out over the Waukarusa River from the downtown. He would keep the council informed of their planning on this matter. He reported that they were also meeting with local and area artists to set up a central artist cooperative that could have an office in Mount Carroll.

Alderman Bergren reported that the downtown tour put together by Laurel Bergren had no participants this go round during Brick Street Day. The program would be available for future events.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded that the City TCEDA FUNDING FOR would not contribute at this time to TCEDA for the Small Business DEVELOPMENT CENTER Development Center. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the GALENA ST BRIDGE Petition for County Aid to Build or Repair Bridge, Culvert or Drainage Structure to request funding for the replacement of the Galena Street Bridge at the estimated cost of \$1,824,000.00 and authorize the mayor to sign the petition document. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried. The City's 10% share of the costs would be \$208,000.00.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to MFT AUDIT acknowledge receipt of the Motor Fuel Tax audit for calendar years 2008 and 2009 and place this on file. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Clerk Cuckler reported of a business in the City's TIF district that would be replacing a portion of the building's roof at a cost of about \$25,000 to \$30,000. She noted that there was not a payment at this time paid by this business into the TIF increment, however, the replacement of a roof was an eligible expense for TIF funding. Would the council consider negotiating forward to still provide some funding to this business from the TIF funds? She stated she understood that there was a way to set aside an amount to be paid towards this expense to the business owner annually. There was some noted concern about setting a precedent taking from the City's pool of the TIF funds; however, one of the goals of the TIF was to help with the improvement and development of the area. The council voiced their approval to move forward with the resolution of inducement first if the business was still interested and the monies to be paid back would be negotiated.

Mayor Bates reported of the thank you note from the Good Samaritan Nursing Center for the City's contribution towards some of the entertainment at the Founder's Day celebration on August 28th.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes with the amendment under the cemetery board meeting report: "3. No meetings for the months of November, December and January unless there are matters to address." Approval by the City Council during the October 12, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector