

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Dan Feuerborn 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, absent, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Dan Wight of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES
the minutes of the August 25, 2009 regular 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 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of September 2009 as approved by the finance committee. 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.

Mayor Bates reported that the bank account balances as of today FINANCIAL REPORT
were \$638,230.15. This was the lowest it has been for awhile, but there have been several large expenditures this last month. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report 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.

COMMITTEES
Alderman Sparboe reported of the September 8th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation DONATION
to approve the contribution to the Adrienne's Angels St. George Pet Rescue organization in the amount of \$300. 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.
3. Nuisance issues for violation notice or contact: Nick Naples the old school property on Main Street, needs the weeds cut down; tall weeds at property located in the 100 block of North Carroll Street; and contact Reid Law of Law's Excavating about a vehicle and tall weeds at this property.
4. Mr. John Swiech of the CDC stated he would provide a proposal for several directional signs needed in town once he has cost estimates.
5. It was noted that a representative from the West Carroll School would be sending a letter to request the city share in the cost of the signs for the recognition of the girl's softball finish this last year.
6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation STREET
to grant the street solicitation request by the Mount Carroll Lions Club SOLICITATION
for the Candy Day fundraiser on October 3, 2009 at the highway intersection and the downtown intersection. 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.
7. The committee voiced their approval to close the 100 block of East Franklin Street on Sunday, October 4, 2009 for the Methodist Church and Lutheran Church Communion Service activity.

8. Tabled the web site maintenance issue to the next meeting.

Alderman Bergren reported that the next People for Progress meeting was scheduled for September 17th in city hall at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the work on the drain tile at the Stone House, the status of seeking proposals for the remodeling of the bathrooms in the community house, the status of the re-bidding of the Kraft Building remodeling and of the Brick Street Saturday activities.

Mr. Steve Haring, MSA Professional Services, was in attendance and provided a project update report. A copy of this report will be added to the record and attached with these minutes.

Mayor Bates reported that the Charles Colehour water line was installed and hooked up recently with the help of Bryan McCaskey that provided the trenching work. This improvement was done to the property located in the 200 block of East Commercial Street. The cost for Mr. McCaskey to do the trenching was \$350.00.

Mayor Bates read the Project Status Report submitted by Sharon Pepin, grant consultant. A copy of this report will be added to the record and attached with these minutes. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the grant CDAP GRANT DRAW draw request to pay for the administrative services from April to September 2009 for the Kraft Building CDAP Grant (the amount of the draw request being \$1,250.00). 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. As noted in the report from Ms. Pepin: "The administration invoices are paid out of the grant fund and after a DCEO Expenditures Summary and Payment Request form (are submitted). The DCEO request form needs to be signed by the Mayor and the grant funds will be requested online. Once the grant funds are received, the City will then pay the invoice."

Mayor Bates asked the council to review the upcoming loan repayment report provided by Ms. Pepin. There will be some decisions to make regarding the payment of the construction period accrued interest amount before the February 2010 payment.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve CEMETERY POLICIES the Oak Hill Cemetery policies and fees as updated at the last 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. The motion was carried. The council members asked Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Susan Morgan to notify the funeral homes as soon as possible about the adoption of the new policies and fees.

Mayor Bates asked the council to consider the information we have BUILDING INSPECTIONS regarding conducting the building inspections of the Joe Haas building in the downtown located at the corner of Market and Carroll Streets and the "Bushy Flats" buildings located in the 200 block of East Market Street. The proposals from the structural consultants went from about \$1,200 to over \$4,000 to do the inspections. Mr. Tony Malone and Daniel Feuerborn of ESI Consultants, Ltd. were in attendance to provide their proposal to conduct the inspections. Discussed making contact with the property owners and determining how much cooperation would be provided to completely inspect the buildings for the safety issues even beyond the obvious visible problems. Discussed the adoption of the International Building Codes.

The council members present voiced their approval to ask Water & Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel to consider attending the Illinois Rural Water Association northern conference in Rockford, IL on October 20th and 21st.

Mayor Bates reported that the agreement to consider whether the JCWIFI business could install an antenna on the water tower needed to be revised.

Mayor Bates noted the correspondence from the Northwest Municipal Conference regarding the multi-jurisdictional effort in the class action lawsuits regarding the implementation of the telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee. Back in 2004 the city participated in the lawsuit and had paid a per capita fee towards the litigation expenses. The City received a refund of \$107.36 which was approximately 23% of the original contribution.

Mayor Bates reported the next Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting was to be held in Albany, IL on September 17th. He planned to attend and said if there were others that wished to go to let him know that reservations were to be sent in by Monday the 14th.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT
the 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 8:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the September 22, 2009 regular meeting as amended. ("Mr. Lou Wight of the Mount Carroll Church of God gave the invocation.")

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector