

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Ms. Lorna May 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, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Alderman Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes from the January 12, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of January 2010 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the total of the checking bank accounts was FINANCIAL REPORT \$573,079.86. Dramatic change with the EPA loan payment this month. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 20<sup>th</sup> historic preservation COMMITTEES HISTORIC PRESERVATION committee meeting:

1. The items discussed and reported were a proposed ordinance for teardown and rebuild guidelines for the downtown area to be presented to the city license and ordinance committee; no instructor was found for the brick street workshop this summer so the class would be canceled; election of officers to be considered when new members are appointed; to make contact with the owner of the Seitner house on Clay Street to get more information to pursue recognition for the National Register.

Mayor Bates reported of the January 26<sup>th</sup> Business Loan Review Committee BUSINESS LOAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND meeting:

1. The committee reviewed the application submitted by the Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation for the Kraft Building project. The amount of the loan was for \$16,000 from the revolving loan fund to purchase the windows for the second floor of the building even though it was not in this phase of the project. It was noted the cost savings by ordering the windows now and for all of the building would be \$2,548.29. The repayment would be added to the other loan payment from the TIF 15-year payment plan. The recommendation to the city council was to approve this application. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the application and loan request from the Mount Carroll CDC in the amount of \$16,000 for the purchase of the windows for the Kraft Building Rehabilitation Project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to authorize the clerk to provide a purchase order to McKee and Sons for the purchase of the windows for the Kraft Building in the amount of \$44,975.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the January 26<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The committee heard a proposal from Mr. Roger Schamberger of Burbach Aquatics, Inc. of Platteville, Wisconsin regarding a compliance assessment of the City swimming pool to meet the drain change requirements and any other health and safety issues. The cost for the assessment would be \$4,500, plus reimbursables. Mayor Bates stated he would like to talk with Superintendent Russell Handel about this matter before making any decisions. No objections were voiced by the committee members in attendance.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND to authorize the interfund transfer of \$77,000 from the City water fund TRANSFER to the bond & interest sinking fund (debt service fund). Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation INTERFUND to authorize the interfund transfer of \$5,000 from the water fund to the TRANSFER sewer fund. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation BAND FUND to authorize the payment of up to \$400 from the band fund towards the entertainment for the Good Samaritan Center 40-year Anniversary on August 28, 2010. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported he had talked with the city attorney about the pending ordinances.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that work was continuing on the Kraft Building CDC and much work has been done in the basement.

Alderman Bergren reported of the January 21<sup>st</sup> People for Progress meeting. PFP  
The committee has adopted the community theme of "Brick Streets & Country Charm", and is asking the organizations to create a community brand of "Brick Streets" that could be used for all of the community's marketing materials and promotions for events. The goal is to maintain consistency in promotions. Consistency can bring visitors to Mount Carroll.

Working on the LOIS listing with the State.

The committee would ask the mayor, the chamber president and a representative from the Historic Preservation committee to attend the next meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss this year's priorities.

Mayor Bates reported that all of the issues regarding the final documents and payments to Loberg Excavating for the water project had not been ironed out yet so the final payment.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass RESOLUTION NO.  
Resolution No. R1-2010-8, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF R1-2010-8

MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS ADOPTING "BRICK STREETS" AS THE BRAND FOR MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS AND TO BE USED IN ALL COMMUNITY MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS. Roll call vote: Alderman Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. Resolution No. R1-2010-8 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Jill VanRoekel of Winkel, Parker and Foster was in attendance and presented AUDIT the Financial Statements and accompanying letters for the annual audit for the City's fiscal year ending April 30, 2009. She noted the specific areas within the reports for the council's review and noted one of the loan covenants for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to accept the annual audit as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to appoint and FOIA OFFICER designate the City Clerk Julie Cuckler as the city's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes, Vote: 6 yeases and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Ms. Cindy Mierzwa, Fur the Love of Dogs business, was in attendance and PROPOSED DOG presented a petition and proposal for the council to consider the development of PARK a dog park in town. In discussion the mayor asked Ms. Mierzwa to provide some more information about the equipment needed and projected costs, and he stated he would check on how much land was available at the burning grounds as a possible location for something like this.

Mrs. Marge Knirlberger, Pleasant Street, was in attendance and asked what more CAT CONTROL she could do to have the council consider a cat control ordinance? In discussion the council asked Mrs. Knirlberger to get some sample ordinances or regulations from other communities to have the council review.

Mayor Bates read the letter of resignation from part time Police Officer RESIGNATION Rick Cass II to be effective on March 30, 2010.

Mayor Bates then read the letter from Police Chief Delbert Hockman that he RETIREMENT would be retiring effective March 29, 2010. Mayor Bates stated he would like to sit down with the City's officers before the council considers the next steps to take regarding the above news.

Mayor Bates reported of the following correspondence:

1. Mediacom annual franchise fee disbursement was \$9,509.39.
2. Report from Moring Disposal, Inc. the total recycling picked up the month of December 2009 was 25,500 pounds.
3. Mayor Bates noted the response from US Congressman Donald Manzullo regarding the letter and resolution sent by the City in support of the Federal Bureau of Prisons buying the State Thomson Correctional Center.

The council discussed the enforcement of the sidewalk snow shoveling ordinance if there are more events this winter.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 9, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler  
City Clerk & Collector