

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

Delbert Hockman rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF THE 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, absent, and Doris Bork present.
Alderman Bergren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Pastor Bob Ziebarth, Mount Carroll Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the March 23, 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 Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of April 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.

Mayor Bates reported the total of the bank accounts as of today was FINANCIAL REPORT \$646,817.52. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report 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
The council members present voiced their approval to amend the order of the agenda and have the Police Committee report from this evening's meeting presented first. Before this was reported Mayor Bates asked former Police Chief Delbert Hockman to come up to the council table. He was presented with a plaque from the Mount Carroll City Council in appreciation of his 31 plus years of service with the city as a police officer. The last ten years Mr. Hockman was the city's police chief. Mr. (Chief) Hockman thanked the council.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 13th police committee meeting: POLICE
1. Alderman Bergren presented the police committee recommendation to NEW HIRE – POLICE hire Mr. Fred Cass as the City's Police Chief with an annual base CHIEF FRED CASS salary of \$41,500. 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.
Mayor Bates noted that Mr. Cass had indicated that he would be waiving the city's health insurance benefit.

Mr. Fred Cass was in attendance with some members of his family and photos were taken.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 6th recreation board meeting: RECREATION
1. Maintenance and repairs of the equipment and building were reviewed. A list of items set for the crew to work on was put together.
2. Superintendent Handel reported that the initial drain survey was conducted by Burbach Aquatics and that assessment should be forthcoming soon.

3. Pool Manager Deb Gallentine reported that the lifeguard and CPR training was being scheduled for May 22nd. That WSI training books would be needed for Brittany Sipe and Trevor Timm to recertify for instructing this year. Cost \$52.00 a piece. WSI BOOKS

Alderman Lego moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to purchase the WSI training books from the American Red Cross at the cost of \$104.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeases, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. It was noted the books would be maintained with the other pool lessons materials once the individuals completed the training this year.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 6th license & ordinance committee meeting: LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. Discussion about the proposed Responsible Bidder Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance was provided to the zoning officers for their review and input.
2. Discussed the adoption of the International Building Codes and implementing the enforcement. A public hearing was scheduled for April 22nd at the community house, 101 N. Main Street and invite the local contractors. It was noted that the state has passed legislation that would require communities to have some form of building codes in place by July 2011.

City Zoning Officers Howard Herrell and Tom Sorg were in attendance this evening and provided some comments about the Responsible Bidder Ordinance.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 12th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Reviewed the street seal coating proposal for this year. Cost estimate from the county at \$38,187.60.
2. Estimate for the repair of Mill Street in four sections and other water leak roadway repairs was \$37,000.
3. Alderman Cooper reported of her meeting with the Carroll County Highway Department Engineer about improving Benton Street from Clay Street to the corporate limits. Estimated cost of about \$30,000 per block. Several issues for consideration are the bidding or selection of a contractor for the tear out of the concrete surface and the site for the disposal of the materials.
4. Proposal to complete the tear out and improvement of the 200 BRICK STREET block of East Broadway Street. A section from the highway intersection to be blacktopped and the remainder to be replaced with brick surface. Need to set exact time line for the curb and gutter replacement, tear out of the roadway and work to put in a new road base before the brick could be set. Also need to determine whether the sewer line should be televised before resurfacing this block. Mayor Bates stated he would like to work with a brick laying crew in the month of June. Mayor Bates stated he would talk with the business owners that would be impacted by this construction this year.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 13th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois employee health insurance HEALTH INSURANCE renewal information was just received. A proposed 12% increase for this next year. The committee asked the clerk to contact the agent, John Bickelhaupt, to see if he would come to the next finance committee meeting on April 27th at 6:30 p.m. to review the city's options.
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommend- MAYFEST 2010 ation to contribute \$2,000 from the City band fund and \$500 from the City general fund to the Mayfest 2010 event. 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.
4. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommend- SUPPLEMENTAL INS. ation to allow the Platinum Services, Inc. of Dubuque, IA to present a supplemental insurance program to the city employees for a cancer, heart attack and stroke policy that would be at their own expense. 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.
 5. To work on the budget at the next finance committee meeting.
 6. Mayor Bates reported that he had been talking with Water and Sewer Superintendent Russell Handel about providing even temporary services to Mr. Tom Cravatta at his business located to the east of East Commercial Street. Mayor Bates stated he would also talk with Sharon Pepin about the status of the DCEO grant application for the extension of these water and sewer on this roadway.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, reported that the State IDOT office had verbally approved the location of the proposed "Way Finding Signs". They are still hopeful to be able to have these installed before Memorial Day Weekend and Mayfest.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported of the draw request #4 of the CDAP grant GRANT FUNDS REQUEST funds for the Kraft Building Project. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the draw request #4 to DCEO for the CDAP grant funds in the amount of \$60,428.91 for the Kraft Building project. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the KRAFT BLDG. BILLS payment of the bills for the Kraft Building project, \$78,217.74 to Loescher Heating and Cooling; \$1,200.00 to Christopher Fye & Associates; \$1,250.00 to Community Funding & Planning Services; total of all bills \$80,667.74. 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 Boelkens seconded to approve the DOWNTOWN FLOWERS payment of \$300.00 to the Mt. Carroll CDC for the flowers and containers needed for the beautification committee work in the downtown area. 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.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that the beautification committee had completed an assessment of the downtown area for the placement of benches, and the new windows were being installed at the Kraft Building.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize KRAFT BLDG. OPEN the contribution of \$100.00 to the Mt. Carroll CDC towards the volunteer HOUSE thank you dinner in May 23, 2010 after the Open House. 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 read the MSA Update and the Community Funding and Planning Services Update. No other action items were presented.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve COLLECTOR'S REPORT the Annual Collector's Report for 2010 and to place it on file. 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.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to extend the COMM. HOUSE RENTAL lease for one more year with Carla Eaton to use the Community House for the Jazzercise classes. 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 moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve ARBOR DAY The Arbor Day Proclamation for the April 30, 2010 celebration. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass a RESOLUTION Resolution Opposing Reduction of Local Government Distributive Fund. 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 Resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the CENTURYLINK two requests from CenturyLink telephone company to replace the phone cable along the 200 and 300 block of East Lincoln Street. 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 Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve CENSUS 2010 The 2010 Census Partnership Proclamation. 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.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. 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. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector