

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Steve Phillips 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, absent, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. Clifton Jacobs, Mt. Carroll First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the April 13, 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 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 bank account balances as of today were FINANCIAL REPORT \$697,445.99. He noted there was a negative balance in the sewer fund. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the interfund transfer of \$1,000.00 INTERFUND TRANSFER from the water fund to the sewer fund to meet expenses this month. 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 Bork seconded to approve the amended financial report with the interfund transfer. 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 Bergren reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> license and COMMITTEES LICENSE & ORDINANCE ordinance committee meetings:

1. The April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held at the community house and along with the committee members in attendance was the city attorney, the city zoning officers and several local contractors. The overall consensus of the audience was to move forward on the adoption of the building codes.
2. At the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting the committee members reviewed the delinquent water bills. Mayor Bates asked the committee to review the draft ordinance from the city attorney regarding the filling, grading, leveling, altering or transforming of real property, and to have a recommendation for approval or amendments by the next meeting.
3. Mayor Bates reported of the status of the ordinance violation notice sent to Mr. Jim Johnson for the removal of the old vehicles and debris on the vacant lot along East Commercial Street. He stated Mr. Johnson had contacted him and stated he would be taking care of this matter within the next three weeks.
4. The International Building Code adoption was discussed. To consider a motion to have the city attorney draft an ordinance for review at the May 11<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance to adopt the International Building Code. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, BUILDING CODE

and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Lego reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> cemetery board meeting: CEMETERY

1. Noted the walnut tree injections not done so far this year and spring clean up and mowing underway at the cemetery.
2. The committee reviewed proposals from Kenneth Lego of Ivey MONUMENT REPAIRS Monument and from Law-Jones Funeral Home for the repairs to the monuments in the older sections of the cemetery. Noted the board wished to stay within a budget amount of \$2,500 to \$3,000 for this year. The decision of the board was to schedule a field trip/meeting for May 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the cemetery to determine the stones in most need of repair and to have that assessment done by the next council meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. A representative from JCWIFI/Computer Dynamics of Freeport, IL WIRELESS INTERNET was in attendance to confirm what was needed at the public works building for the set up of the new wireless internet service, discussed the set up of the e-mail, and confirmed the padlock access to the water tower for repairs, when needed.
2. Mr. Nick Wagner, MSA was in attendance and reported that the one year warranty reviews for the water project would be done this year and they would be organizing those meetings when it was time. He reported that the spring seeding of the old water tower site was being coordinated with Loberg and the city crew.
3. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported that the final IEPA loan payment was being processed. She had received the close out documents for the Opportunity Returns grants from DCEO. The last draw of the CDAP grant for the Kraft Building project was also being processed. Clerk Cuckler reported that the check had come into the city hall today. Ms. Pepin reported that DCEO had requested that the City consider resubmitting the grant application for the Commercial Street infrastructure extension under the flexible grant program component. Regarding the last issue Mayor Bates stated he wished the council would consider submitting a grant application for the Community House bathrooms under the flexible grant program instead of resubmitting the Commercial Street water and sewer extension application. The committee members asked Water Superintendent Russell Handel to prepare a scope of work and costs for the city to run the water line into Mr. Cravatta's business located at the end of East Commercial Street.
4. The committee discussed the water infrastructure needs for a business looking to construct a new building at the south end of town.
5. Superintendent Handel reported of the status of the pool structure assessment by Burbach Acquatics. If construction is required by the State then the liner company may need to send out someone to complete the project around the new drain covers.
6. Discussed scheduling a NIMS training session with the fire department.
7. Discussed the Good Samaritan Center sprinkler system and testing.
8. Superintendent Handel to get a cost estimate of the new water line proposed to the Rapp Street house owned by Mrs. Betty Smith, 211 N. Mill Street.

Alderman Copper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to decline the CDAP GRANT option to resubmit the CDAP grant application for the Commercial Street Extension for water and sewer in the flexible grant program. 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 Bork moved and Aldermen Cooper seconded to proceed with CDAP GRANT a CDAP Flexible Program grant application for the community house bathroom remodeling project. 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 Bergren reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Regarding sidewalk projects the city crew would be starting with the downtown area first and as soon as possible.
2. Alderman Bergren presented the streets committee recommendation SUMMER HELP to hire Jacob Bumphrey and Drew Gallentine as summer help for the public works/street department this year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and one absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 26<sup>th</sup> police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Newly hired Chief Fred Cass was in attendance and discussion was held on several issues regarding more officers for the pool of part time officers, training for the officers, some of the new procedures being implemented, some future equipment needs, and the matter that Chief Cass has been the K-9 dog handler as deputy for Jo Daviess County.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the April 27<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the finance committee recommendation HEALTH INSURANCE to maintain /renew the current health insurance coverage for the city employees under the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois plans with the Health Savings Account (HSA) option as well, and the HSA contribution being at \$950.00 per employee this year. Roll call vote: Alderman 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. The health insurance would also continue to be handled through the Country Companies office with John Bickelhaupt.
3. Mayor Bates reported that part time Police Officer Rick Cass II would POLICE OFFICER come back to work and has taken his oath to start working to fill in some of the weekend coverage.
4. It was reported that the CDC and Historic Preservation Committee had DOWNTOWN approved loans for the Downtown Enhancement Program in the amount ENHANCEMENT \$10,000 for this year. The City's contribution to that line item would PROGRAM be \$1,000 this year.
5. Scheduled a budget meeting for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
6. Mayor Bates to contact the street superintendent about some road and ditch repair along Mill Street.
7. Alderman Bork asked if some of the older stones at the cemetery could be replaced with another type of marker instead of the repair? To check on the costs of more simple flat makers for the old section of the cemetery.
8. The finance committee voiced their approval to ask Deputy Clerk FLAG POLE LIGHT Sue Morgan to contact local electricians for an estimate to install a light outside the City Hall office that would light the flag pole in order to fly the flag every day.

Mr. John Swiech, CDC, was in attendance and reported that work was progressing on the Kraft Building

and the locations for the “Way Finding” signs was approved by the State and have now been ordered.

Alderman Bergren reported of the April 15<sup>th</sup> People for Progress meeting. It was noted that the Friends of the Waukarusa would be meeting with the street superintendent on April 28<sup>th</sup> to go over the layout of the walking trails in the back of Point Rock Park.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to pass Ordinance ORDINANCE NO. No. 2010-4-9, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WITHIN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. 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. Ordinance No. 2010-4-9 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The project was for Rock river Lumber and Grain requesting the addition of approximately 16 acres be added to the E-Zone. The property is located one mile west of the City of Morrison on Highway 30. The company would be expanding their fertilizer business as well as grain storage, corn drying capacity and business office at the cost of more than \$5.5 M in new investment creating more than five new jobs.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper second to pass Ordinance No. ORDINANCE NO. 2010-4-10, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 206 NORTH MAIN STREET, CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 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. Ordinance No. 2010-4-10 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates reported of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> planning commission meeting. PLANNING COMM. The planning commission members approved the recommendation to the city council to grant the special use permit to Caroline Leif, 108 N. Main Street, to operate a hair and nail salon at her residence, 108 N. Main Street. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the special use permit application submitted by Ms. Caroline Leif. 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.

Mayor Bates noted that the petitioners for the second special use permit application had withdrawn the application for consideration.

Mr. Len Anderson was in attendance and reported of the progress of the Car Cruise nights for this summer and noted a couple of other clubs would be in town a couple of other weekends this month.

Alderman Cooper reported of the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in Fulton, IL regarding the proposed purchase of the Thomson Correctional facility by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Mayor Bates noted the report from Moring Disposal, Inc. that 31,200 pounds of recycling was picked up in Mount Carroll during the month of March 2010.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. 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 adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 11, 2010 regular meeting.  
Julie A. Cuckler, City Clerk & Collector