

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2009 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, Doris Bork, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doug Bergren, present.

Alderman Sparboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. John Swiech gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the July 14, 2009 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 Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize ACCOUNTS PAYABLE the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of July 2009 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 noted from the financial report that the bank account FINANCIAL REPORT balances were \$783,865.00 as of today's date. He noted the fund balances in the water, sewer and recreation funds were either in the hole or very close for the end of the month. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the interfund transfers of INTERFUND TRANSFERS \$65,000 from the debt service account to the water fund, \$10,000 from the debt service account to the sewer fund and \$3,000 from the general fund to the recreation fund. 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 Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the financial report as presented. 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.

COMMITTEES

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 15th historic preservation HISTORIC PRESERVATION committee meeting:

1. A book signing of the David Alan Badger book will be announced in the near future.
2. Discussed the August 20th Town Hall meeting.
3. Discussed a building maintenance ordinance for the commercial district.

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

1. Discussed several nuisance issues regarding tall grass, burning and vehicle parking.
2. Alderman Bergman noted that the bowing wall has changed on the building owned by Joe Hass at the corner of Market and Main Streets. The adjoining building owner has made a contact to her insurance carrier about the matter. The committee members voiced their agreement to ask MSA to conduct a follow up building assessment and to ask the city attorney about how to contact Mr. Haas to resolve this problem before the building falls down.
3. Discussed the garbage and debris around the building located at the "Bushy Flats" (200 block of East Market Street). Also concern for the building structure. Consensus to ask MSA to provide a price quote to conduct a structure assessment of these buildings.

4. Discussed the zoning and special use permit provisions for the Law' Excavating property located in the 500 block of East Benton Street. To discuss with the city attorney about proceeding with a meeting with the property owners to review the provisions and consider the non-compliance issues.

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

1. Discussed the work completed and the pick up of tree limbs and brush after the storm last week.
2. Mayor Bates noted that Mr. Gene Teeter has volunteered to improve the map at the entrance of the cemetery and he would be providing more information on this.
3. Mr. Kenneth Lego of Ivey Monument provided pictures of the old sections of the cemetery noting the areas to start to fix some of the stones before they break and cannot be read any longer. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize spending up to \$2,500 to Ivey Monument to do stone repair at the city cemetery this year. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, pass, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

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

1. Marty Beranek, MSA was in attendance and provided an update of ongoing projects. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and sewer committee recommendation to approve a contract change for the water project to take out the demolition of the booster pump station at West and Ridge Street intersection and to take out the demolition of the pressure sustaining valve at the East and Washington Street intersection. A total price deduction of \$7,880.00. Roll call vote: WATER PROJECT Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
2. Mr. Beranek reported that he had contact the Illinois EPA about the progress of the water project.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 27th streets committee meeting: STREETS

1. Discussed the vandalism and repairs needed at Point Rock Park.
2. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the tree work along Southeast Lane and Lovers Lane should be completed this week.
3. Superintendent Dauphin reported that he would complete the permit forms needed for the "Jake Brake" signs along the highway.
4. Superintendent Dauphin reported that the materials to replace the steel plates on the Galena Street bridge would cost \$800. The consensus of the committee was to have the plates removed from the bridge at this time.
5. Mayor Bates reported the rock wall over the sewer main near Mill WALL REPLACEMENT and Market Streets intersection had been repaired and replaced by Mr. Robert Law. He would probably be turning in a bill for this project.

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

1. Discussed a security matter for the police department to check on at the park.
2. Chief Hockman noted that Officer Lambert had started work as a part time officer.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the July 28th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommenda- PAYMENT TO BOB LAW

2. tion to pay Bob Law ½ of the cost for the repair of the rock wall near the intersection of Mill and Market Streets at the cost of \$1,550.75. 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.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to contact three surveyors to survey the acreage of land that the city has placed an option to purchase, to get a price for the survey work and to hire the surveyor that provides the lower quoted price. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. SURVEY WORK
The motion was carried.
4. No action was taken by the finance committee regarding the proposal to pay Lumber Mart a reduced price for a year's storage rental for the paver bricks in the buildings formerly owned by Jim Colehour. The clerk was directed to continue to make the monthly payments.

Alderman Bergren reported of the July 16th people for progress/CCI PEOPLE FOR PROGRESS committee meeting. He noted that all of the flyers and posters have been made and posted around town for the August 20th Town Hall meeting. He noted that all community groups and organizations will have an opportunity to showcase their activities and accomplishments at this meeting. The committee also discussed the IDNR grant programs. To pursue the grant round that would be due into the State by March 1st of next year for improvements to the City parks.

Mrs. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and provided a project update: FUNDING

1. Reported of correspondence with Loberg Excavating and city attorney regarding the wage increases during the construction of the water project.
2. Reported that the billings for the water sampling during the water project were paid directly by the city to the laboratory. She reported these bills were supposed to be part of the project and would be reviewed and put into the project costs for reimbursement through the IEPA loan.
3. Reported a semi-annual report was due to DCEO regarding the revolving loan fund activity. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the semi-annual report to be submitted to DCEO regarding the activity of the revolving loan fund. 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.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the bids for the KRAFT BLDG. Kraft Building renovation project were very high and would need to be rejected. The committee with the architect would be reviewing how to set about another bidding of the project.

Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with the village president of ANTENNA Milledgeville regarding their negotiations with JCWIFI/Computer Dynamics AGREEMENT for a Tower Occupancy Agreement. What was being presented by the company was to offer the city three internet connections for the installation of an antenna onto the city's water tower. He stated that he understood that the Village of Milledgeville was requesting some money on top of the free internet connections. Mrs. Pepin stated that she had some sample agreements for the council to review when considering this proposal from JCWIFI. The consensus of the council was to have the city attorney review the proposed agreement and let the council know if the agreement was in order.

Ms. Ann Dougherty was in attendance and wished the council to know that she has had several groups

come to town for some of her workshops and activities with her business and the participants usually stay out of town in an area motel instead of in town. Mayor Bates noted that there have been some discussions about the fact that there are not more rooms for overnight visitors in town. Several organizations and the CDC were looking at what could be considered with the buildings that could be used for motel or hotel rooms in town.

Mr. Mark Roach was in attendance and commented about his experience with surveillance cameras and noted that they were fairly simple to install if the city was looking to do that in the future.

Clerk Cuckler reported that there has been a very good response for the paint program applications this year. There are ten applicants so far. The council directed the clerk to accept more applications than the ten that was considered the limit.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn ADJOURNMENT the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the August 11, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector