

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Lou Schau 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, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Sparboe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Mark Harness of the Mount Carroll united Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve MINUTES the minutes of the February 10, 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 the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 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 reported of the bank account balances as of today at \$713,985.33. He noted that there was a negative balance in the water fund that would be mentioned during the finance committee report. Mayor Bates asked the clerk to have some more information about the amount of money that could be transferred from the TIF fund. Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report at submitted. 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMITTEES

Alderman Lego reported of the February 23rd license & ordinance committee meeting:

LICENSE & ORDINANCE

1. City Attorney Ronald Coplan will be present tomorrow with a draft for the commercial vehicle parking ordinance
2. Snow removal. A resident complained earlier this winter that the city was not clearing the sidewalk by the cemetery. To request the streets department to do this consistently.
3. Discussed that the parking issues along Carroll Street have improved.

Alderman Bergren reported that there was no business considered at the POLICE February 23rd police committee meeting. He noted that Chief Hockman reported that the new squad car was working well.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the February 23rd water & sewer committee WATER & SEWER meeting:

1. Nick Wagner, MSA, was in attendance and provided a status report of the current and upcoming projects. The work on the two wells was going as fast as weather was permitting. Still need to get the easement approval for the final construction of the Mill Street pressure relief valve. To consider some repairs to Mill Street once this project was completed. Alderman Lego asked that the West Carroll School transportation manager be contacted if they would need to reroute the bus traffic for these projects. Alma Street in the Frey Addition has some water problems and the road is breaking up. This repair will need to be done when the weather permits. MSA will start on the Commercial Street

Improvements when the weather improves.

2. The committee reviewed some of the pool repairs and improvements before the new season starts. Superintendent Handel stated he would assess the filtration vents to see if a special cover is needed to comply with the new regulations.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the February 23rd streets and cemetery committee meeting: STREETS &
CEMETERY

1. Quote for blacktop for this year would be \$58/Ton.
2. Superintendent Dauphin would contact Civil Constructors about the Benton Street quote. Could this quote be lower? Discussed that the Federal Stimulus package would be used for State highway projects.
3. Alderman Bork delivered the City's shovel ready projects to Governor Quinn's office.
4. It was noted that the lights at the cemetery were working again.
5. It was reported that the four summer workers from last year have stated that they would like to work for the city again this year.
6. To consider posting and notice that all flowers and decorations at the city cemetery should be removed by April 1st.
7. Discussed the bathroom remodeling at the community house.
8. Superintendent Dauphin is checking on quotes for a new lawnmower to replace the one that burned up last year.
9. It was noted that the city crew would be handling the grave opening and closings at the cemetery as of March 1, 2009.

The council discussed the notification regarding the removal of the flowers and decorations at the city cemetery. This matter was tabled to the committee meeting on March 9th to consider a different date with Easter falling on April 12th.

Alderman Sparboe reported of the February 24th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation MAYFEST to authorize the contribution of \$3,000 from the band fund to the Mayfest Committee for this year's activity May 22-24, 2009. 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.
3. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation TCEDA to authorize the contribution of \$500 to the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. to go towards their first year's organization funding. 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 to LODGING authorize the payment of lodging for Alderman Bergren to attend the Rural Development Conference in Peoria, IL on March 3rd and 4th. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, present, and Sparboe, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
5. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to TRAVEL authorize the payment of up to \$500 towards the travel expenses for Alderman Bork to travel to Washington, DC with other representatives from Carroll County. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Bork, yes. The motion was carried.

6. Alderman Sparboe presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the interfund transfer of \$15,000 from the Enterprise Debt Service fund to the Enterprise Water Fund. 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. INTERFUND TRANSFER

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that he would be making contacts with the downtown businesses about application for the Downtown Enhancement Program funding that would be available this year for façade, sidewalk or building improvements projects.

City Attorney Ronald Coplan was in attendance and reported of several items. CITY ATTORNEY He noted that he had a conversation with Sharon Pepin about the water project contract with regard to the prevailing wage increases. He provided a draft of the commercial vehicle parking ordinance for the council to review. He stated he had some information that he would leave for the council regarding wind energy and what the City of Sterling has been considering.

Mayor Bates noted that the next item on the agenda was the TIF inducement resolution. He stated he noted that there was some conflicting language regarding the project development. The council members present voiced their approval to table this resolution until the next meeting to have the draft reworded. TIF

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Susan Morgan asked the council about getting the water fountain in city hall either fixed or removed. There have been a lot of comments from the public about this. She also asked if a light could be installed outside to light the US flag here at city hall. To check on some solar lighting for this. CITY HALL

Mayor Bates reported of the letter from Blackhawk Hill R, C, &D noting a Capital Improvement Planning Incentive Program grant of \$2,000. Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to authorize the mayor to send a letter to Blackhawk Hills making application for the CIP grant funding. 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. CIP GRANT

The council discussed scheduling for some future committee meetings. The council voiced approval to change the license & ordinance, police, water and sewer committee meetings in March for March 9th and in May for May 19th. Also, it was approved to schedule the finance meeting for March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the delinquent water bills.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 10, 2009 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector