

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2008 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mrs. Evelyn Colehour rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Alderman John Boelkens, chairman of the board in the absence of the mayor, CALL TO ORDER
called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, absent, ROLL CALL
Aldermen John Boelkens, present, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present,
Bill Sparboe, absent, and Doris Bork, present.
Alderman Boelkens led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Mark Harkness, Mt. Carroll Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES
of the January 22, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper,
yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion
was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Lego seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2008 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 and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported the bank account balance was at \$620,492.02 FINANCIAL REPORT
as of today. Alderman Bork 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 and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
Alderman Bergren asked if any of the other two banks had been contacted about their interest rates for
the bank accounts. Clerk Cuckler stated that to date she had not contacted them.

Alderman Lego reported of the February 8th cemetery board meeting: COMMITTEES
CEMETERY

1. Discussed the purchase of equipment that would be needed to do the grave openings. Estimated cost
of the excavator would be between \$28,000 to \$40,000. Could check with the dealers about a lease
to purchase option. An estimated 30 burials are done each year at \$500 each. Superintendents
Dauphin and Handel had expressed their concern whether this equipment would get through the frost
line in the winter, but stated that there would be other uses for the excavator in other departments if
purchased. Alderman Lego noted that about \$49,300 had been paid for burials from 2003 through to
the present.
2. Discussed the need to develop a plan to repair some of the old damaged stones. To consider what the
needs are by making an assessment with estimated costs and then consider what funds could be set
aside or earmarked for repairs. To also ask whether any organization would be interested in helping
with this project.
3. Considered the question of platting the new section and if the valley in the new Section 5 should be
filled in to make it more desirable for selling lots.
4. To ask the crew about what equipment needs there are for this next year.
5. To assess whether there are any hazardous trees that would need to be removed this year. Also to
check whether the walnut trees would need to be treated again this year.
6. To check with Superintendent Dauphin about filling in the holes along the roadways.
7. To start considering the needs for summer help.

Clerk Cuckler read the minutes from the February 12th finance committee meeting: FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Clerk Cuckler reported of the finance committee recommendation to approve WEBSITE HOSTING paying the annual hosting fee of \$250.00 to Blue Mountain Design for the old Mt. Carroll website and to have Nancy Gable set up the page announcing the new site to visitors with the new address and making the address link to the new site for the city at no extra cost. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
3. Clerk Cuckler reported of the finance committee recommendation to approve WATER WORKS the payment of \$167,238 to Loberg Excavating, Inc. as the 1st payment for the PROJECT water works project, and to approve the \$300,000 plus interest loan payment to The National Bank. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
4. Clerk Cuckler reported of the finance committee recommendation to authorize WATER TOWER the mayor to sign the 1st payment request from Maguire Iron in the amount of \$23,400 for the water tower project to be processed for an IEPA loan payment request. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
5. Clerk Cuckler reported of the finance committee recommendation to authorize ROAD SALT the clerk to contact the salt company about ordering two more loads (about 50 tons) of road rock salt. The city has met the 130% of its bid letting allotment. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried. Clerk Cuckler reported that she was unsure of the cost until a supplier was contacted about the availability.
6. Nick Wagner, MSA, presented the two change orders for the well drilling part WATER WORKS of the water works project. These would need to be submitted to IEPA to ask PROJECT for approval to also secure the request for more of the loan money. Clerk Cuckler presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the mayor to sign the two change orders, one in the amount of \$44,054.40 and one in the amount of \$4,960.80 to be submitted to the IEPA for a request of the loan monies reimbursement for what has been completed by the contractor to date. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.
7. Nick Wagner, MSA, also presented the contractor's proposal to have a deduction of \$6,000 for the drilling of well #4 by not having to continue with the same diameter size as was specified at 15 ¼". The drilling was done at 14 ¾". Would begin work again once a decision was made this evening about this matter. Clerk Cuckler presented the finance committee recommendation to authorize the contractor to continue work and not proceed to change the well diameter and accept the deduction of \$6,000 towards the contract price. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Ed Leipus, Friends of the Waukarusa, was in attendance and reported of FRIENDS an April spring softball tournament that was being organized for Point Rock Park. They would also have music, kite flying, disc golf and would like to have a beer and wine tent handled by the Kallemezoo's business. The council members present voiced their approval to the project, however, would like counsel from the city attorney about the alcohol in the park.

Mr. Leipus also reported that some of the new refurbished signs at the park were vandalized again. They will be looking for different locations for the signs.

Mr. John Swiech, People for Progress committee, stated their next meeting was scheduled for February 19th to prepare for the February 28th meeting with the city and civic organizations to designate duties for the Action Plan that was developed. He presented a copy of the plan for the council's review before the meeting on the 28th.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, reported that the Kraft Building project was being honored at the next annual meeting of the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation on February 23rd. He has details of this meeting for anyone that would like to attend.

Nick Wagner, MSA, presented the project update of the issues that were not addressed at the finance committee meeting. MSA UPDATE

- A. The next step in the construction of the well will be the test-pumping phase, which will take a few weeks to complete.
- B. Maguire Iron is planning to mobilize onsite in March to start the elevated storage tank construction.
- C. The second construction progress meeting was held at city hall on Friday, February 8th. Representatives of the city, Maguire Iron (via teleconference), Loberg Excavating and MSDA attended the meeting. A summary of the meeting content/topics was provided to the city. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on March 7, 2008 at the City Hall.

Mr. James Warfield, owner of the Raven's Grin Inn, was in attendance and requested the council consider the placement of three directional signs along Mill Street and Market Street to his haunted house business in the downtown area. If these signs are approved and installed the State of Illinois will place two directional signs out on Illinois Route 64. He stated he would have the signs made that would be needed for Mill and Market Street and keep them about the same size as the one used for Camp Benson at the Benton and Mill Streets intersection. Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Bergren seconded to approve the placement of the three directional signs along Mill and Market Street for the Raven's Grin Inn. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried. SIGNS

Ms. Jill Van Roekel of Clifton Gunderson LLP was in attendance and presented the final draft of the city's annual audit for the fiscal year that ended on April 30, 2007. She noted from the independent auditor's report on page 1 that this was the city's first clean year meaning that all was in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. She asked the council members to review the complete document and if there were any questions that the clerk had all of her contact information. The council members thanked Ms. Van Roekel for attending this evening's meeting. ANNUAL AUDIT

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass the Corporate Authorization Resolution to update the bank signatures at The National Bank. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. RESOLUTION

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2008-2-20, AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PUBLIC WAY. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. Ordinance No. 2008-2-20 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. ORDINANCE NO.
2008-2-20

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass Ordinance No. 2008-2-21, AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE ILLINOIS COUNTIES OF WHITESIDE AND CARROLL. Roll call vote: Alderman Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Ordinance no. 2008-2-21 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Cuckler reported that this was for the proposed Jo Carroll Energy Bio-Mass Plant Facility.

ORDINANCE NO.
2008-2-21

The council members present voiced their approval to table the matter of the street solicitation request from the Methodist Church Youth Group for June 7th until the insurance information is filed in the city hall.

STREET
SOLICITATION

Mrs. Nancy Gable presented brochures regarding the upcoming sessions for the Coronary Health Improvement Project.

Ms. Abigail (Abbie) Reese, 208 N. Carroll Street, was in attendance and addressed the council to follow up from a letter that she sent to each of the aldermen dated February 11th. She explained her complaint about the neighbor to the north of her across Rapp Street that she feels has been operating their construction business and now snow plowing business from the street and parking numerous vehicles and equipment in front of and along side her property. She noted numerous confrontations with the neighbor and it has only escalated over time. She asked the council to consider several ordinances to help remedy these issues. She suggested an ordinance to prohibit or regulate the amount of commercial vehicles to be parked on the city streets, especially in residential areas. Also, to check into a "Good Neighbor" Ordinance. She stated she was aware of these in other communities. She also wished to have something on the books prohibiting parking except for the residents along Carroll Street in the block where she lives. The council members present expressed their concern about this matter. The consensus of the council members present was to ask the city attorney to attend the next council meeting to consider some of these issues.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the travel expenses and registration fees for Alderman Bergren to attend the Rural Development Workshop in Peoria, IL on March 4-6, 2008. Registration fee at \$150.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

CONFERENCE

Alderman Boelkens reported of a county leaders meeting organized by the Carroll County Farm Bureau to be held on February 29th. Anyone wishing to attend should make a reservation.

Alderman Boelkens reported that the recycling totals for December 2007 were 26,940 pounds.

Alderman Cooper asked if the city could contact Jo Carroll Energy about any light bulb program with the new laws?

Alderman Cooper expressed her appreciation to the City Street Department crew for the fantastic job they are doing this winter.

Alderman Boelkens recognized the FEMA training certificate completed by Police Chief Delbert Hockman. Chief Hockman also noted that other city officials would need to complete some of this training to meet the Federal grant programs for the county.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT
Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Sparboe, absent. Vote: 5 yeses and 1 absent. Alderman Boelkens adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the February 26, 2008 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector