

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Bates noted that due to the bad weather he would like to change the agenda FINANCE to allow the representatives from Green Ideas of Chicago, IL to present their information to the council during the finance committee meeting instead of later. The council members present voiced their approval.

Mr. Andre De Rosa and Mr. Mitchell Furllett introduced themselves to the council GSY ENERGY, INC under the partnership of GSY Energy, Inc. of Chicago, IL. Mr. De Rosa stated that the company was approaching communities in this area and in the area between Interstate 88 and Interstate 90 in Illinois to enter into agreements to conduct a Phase I wind power study and develop a business strategy for the participating communities. They stated that they would like to secure agreements with up to ten communities to make application for the wind study grants that are available. The deadline for the application is January 15, 2009. Per the agreement the cost to the city for the services would be \$30,000 and any grant monies that might come to the city would be turned over to GSY Energy, Inc. They stated that by pursuing this now that there would be more likelihood of having the data to pursue the renewable energy grants that the federal government has been talking about for the "shovel ready projects" for this next year's appropriation cycle. Mayor Bates stated that he would like to refer this contract to the city attorney for his review and he asked Mr. De Rosa to submit a listing of references to the City Hall as soon as possible for our review. He stated the council could have this on the agenda for the next meeting on January 13th. He asked the council to review all of the information that had been provided thus far, and as soon as Mr. De Rosa provides references he would forward this to the council.

Mr. Mitchell Furllett rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. RINGING OF BELL
Mayor Carl Bates called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER
Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, Nina ROLL CALL
Cooper, absent, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, Bill Sparboe, present, and Doris Bork, present.

Alderman Sparboe moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the MINUTES minutes of the December 9, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. 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 December 2008 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates noted that the balance in the bank checking accounts was FINANCIAL REPORT \$758,852.77 as of today. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Lego read the minutes from the December 22nd streets and cemetery STREETS & CEMETERY committees meetings:

1. The new tractor from Merema Brothers has not been delivered yet into Fulton, IL. The consensus of the committee was to ask the mayor to contact Sterling Wilbert Vault Company to continue to do the grave openings for the city through February.

2. Discussed the location of some street lights that were out.
3. Superintendent Dauphin reported of some maintenance needed on the vehicles and equipment. Noted that new tires were needed for the one backhoe, cost \$1,400.00.
4. Discussed the safety issue at the Clay Street bridge railing. The city crew will get this wired up to secure it for future repair in the spring.
5. Discussed the loose bolts on the Galena Street Bridge. Superintendent Dauphin stated that they have attended to this matter.
6. Discussed the salt supply use so far this winter. About one third of the city's request on the state bid letting has been ordered to date.
7. Suggested to reschedule the Capital Improvement Plan retreat meeting for Saturday, January 24, 2009, at the community house, tentative times: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the December 22nd water & sewer committee Meeting: WATER & SEWER

1. Marty Beranek of MSA was in attendance and provided a project status report. A copy of this report to be added to the minutes.
2. Alderman Boelkens presented the water and & sewer committee recommendation to approve Change Order #10 for the Loberg Excavating contract that would provide an increase in the contract in the amount of \$11,410.95. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sparboe, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. CHANGE ORDER
3. Alderman Boelkens presented the water & sewer committee recommendation to approve Change Order #9 for a contract extension to June 2009 with Loberg Excavating at no extra cost. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Sparboe, yes, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. CONTRACT EXTENSION
4. Alderman Boelkens reported that Mr. Beranek presented a task order for the contract amendment with MSA for the engineering services through the construction contract extension at a cost not to exceed \$43,820. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Sparboe seconded to approve the contract amendment and authorize the mayor to sign the task order at a fee not to exceed \$43,820. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, no, Sparboe, yes, Bork, no, and Cooper, absent. Vote: 3 yeses, 2 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried. CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mayor Bates noted that Mr. Beranek had left a message today that the latest water sample taken from well #3 still had a bacteria count of nine, but this was getting lower. To be approved there needed to be two consecutive samples at zero.

Mayor Bates reported that MSA had provided an estimate for services to work on the Commercial Street infrastructure extension. The range was from \$17,000 to \$28,000. The higher costs would kick in if the city were to bid out the project. He stated he would contact the Willett and Hofmann firm in Dixon, IL to see if their costs would be in the same price range. ENGINEER SERVICES

Alderman Bergren reported of the December 22nd police committee meeting: POLICE

1. Chief Hockman expressed the department's appreciation to the council for the holiday bonuses.
2. Chief Hockman reported that Alderman Bergren and his wife had recently donated a DVD player to the department.
3. The new squad car was now up and running.
4. Chief Hockman reported of some of the parking issues in the downtown areas and parking lots.

They are trying to work with the residents and the business owners to see that the vehicles are moved after the snows so the areas can be cleared.

Mayor Bates reported that he had talked with the chief and the liquor establishments. He noted that he had given approval for the businesses to stay open until 3:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve Holiday.

Mayor Bates noted the letter from the Humane Society of Carroll County. He stated this would need to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Len Anderson of the Friends of the Waukarusa reported that they had received several more donations for the park trails and improvements bringing the total to \$16,686. He reported that Mrs. Jan Law just this week presented a check in the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. John Swiech of the CCI People for Progress committee noted that the next meeting was scheduled for January 15th at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. He reported that the CDC would be meeting again with the USDA on January 6th to go over the grant work for the Kraft building. He stated that they would be considering an opportunity to apply for a CDAP grant for the redevelopment of the Kraft building as well.

The council members present voiced their approval to schedule the retreat for the capital improvement plan for January 24, 2009 at the community house from about 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Bates noted the thank you letters from city employees Terry Bausman and Shawna Houzenga.

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, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the January 13, 2009 regular meeting. The attachment included with these minutes is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector