

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

West Carroll School Superintendent Craig Mathers rang the bell to announce the start of the meeting. Mayor Carl Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Roll call: Mayor Carl Bates, present, Aldermen John Boelkens, present, Nina Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, present, and Doris Bork, present. Aldermen Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Robert Ziebarth, Mount Carroll First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 regular meeting as amended with the correction in the cemetery board meeting report that there would be no cemetery board meetings during the months of November, December and January unless there were matters to address. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of October 2010 as approved by the finance committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, and Boelkens, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the bank account balances as of today were \$662,952.63. Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and Cooper, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the October 12th finance committee report:

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Boelkens noted the e-mail from the City of Amboy about having paver bricks. The committee asked Clerk Cuckler to check on whether there was a cost or not and report back.
3. Clerk Cuckler reported that a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would be in city hall this week to start the application process for the Flood Disaster Grant Program.
4. Discussed some of the follow up done by the water department regarding some of the water issues.
5. Alderman Bork reported that Law-Jones Funeral Homes, Inc. had contacted her that they would be working on the old stone repair at the cemetery this coming weekend and the cost would not exceed \$1,675.00.
6. Discussed the community house bathroom rehab project.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and provided a "Vegetation Control for Safety" pamphlet for the council to share with the city crew to review some of the areas of town needing to have branches or bushes removed for roadway visibility. He was concerned about the Illinois Route 78 area by the Lincoln Street intersection.

He reported the Chamber would be having October Nights events on the October 29th and 30th weekend nights.

Ms. Sharon Pepin, CFPS, was in attendance and reported that the Kraft Building Phase 1 Project was about 99% completed to date. She would be providing the close out documents with the final payment to Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$18,200.55 and of that payment \$17,573.00 was to come from the Revolving Loan Fund. Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the close out documents for the Kraft building project, to approve the bill of \$18,200.55 to Loescher, and authorize the payment of \$17,573 from the City Revolving Loan Fund towards that bill to Loescher. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and Lego, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried. Ms. Pepin and Mr. Schau reported that the elevator to the upstairs of the building would be needed before rental of that level could be negotiated.

Ms. Pepin asked the council about proceeding with the Energy Grant program for the downtown street lights. Mayor Bates and the Council members present voiced their approval to have the local electrical contractor contacted about this project as the estimate is under the \$20,000 threshold for bidding this type of project.

ENERGY GRANT

Ms. Pepin reported she had written another letter to DCEO about the Commercial Street water and sewer utilities extension to see if there was any funding available yet for this "shovel ready project". Mayor Bates expressed his appreciation for what has been done so far, this project has been out there and delayed several times. The materials for the water line have been ordered and the crew would be doing this hopefully sometime this month. If something does come through with the State maybe the City could look to install the sewer main here as well.

Ms. Pepin also noted the grant program through the Dept. of Natural Resources for the parks. Mayor Bates stated he would like to go over some possibilities for improvements at Point Rock Park. Mr. Len Anderson asked about some of the trail work at the park. Mayor Bates stated he would be talking with Street Superintendent Eric Dauphin about whether they could get at least the rock base in for that this year.

Mayor Bates reported he would be working with the City crew to repair the area of brick streets in front of the Methodist Church on Friday, October 15th.

BRICK STREET

The council members presented reviewed the proposed ordinance adjusting compensation for the council members. To consider this at the next council meeting. Alderman Cooper reported that the council members at Lanark, IL received \$55.00 per meeting.

COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Mayor Bates asked the clerk to contact the city attorney about the handicapped parking ordinance. If we have to specify certain parking spaces there are some changes from what had been discussed previously.

West Carroll School Superintendent Craig Mathers was in attendance and presented information about the Illinois County School Facilities Tax, which the schools are talking about trying to get onto the ballot for a vote of the county residents. After some discussion the city council members present thanked Mr. Mathers for his information and noted that they did not have any objections to seeing this go on the ballot for a vote.

SCHOOL FACILITIES TAX

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to pass Resolution No. R10-2010-7, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT CARROLL, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO INDUCE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Mayor

RESOLUTION

Bates noted this was to start negotiations with Schneider House Furniture for reimbursement of an amount towards their new roof. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, and Bergren, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Resolution No. R10-2010-7 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk Cuckler reported of the IDOT letter regarding the first installment of the \$500 million local government component of the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital bill program. This money would need to be deposited into the City's Motor Fuel Tax Fund and utilized as MFT funds are now. The city's allotment of the first installment of \$100 million would be \$7,956.

Mayor Bates reported Moring Disposal, Inc. reported they picked up 33,420 pounds of recycling during the month of August 2010.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Bergren, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 5 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the October 26, 2010 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector