

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Tom Charles 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 ROLL CALL
Cooper, present, Diane Lego, present, Doug Bergren, absent, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork,
present.
Alderman Lego led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reverend Teri Lafferty, United Methodist Church of Mount Carroll, gave the invocation.

Alderman Cooper moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to approve the MINUTES
minutes of the February 8, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Boelkens, yes,
Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent.
The motion was carried.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of February 2011 as approved by the finance
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, and
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported the total of the bank accounts was at \$572,775.66 as FINANCIAL REPORT
of today. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Bork seconded to approve the financial report as
presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Lego, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, and
Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. The motion was carried.

Alderman Boelkens reported of the February 22nd finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES
FINANCE
1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. The budget worksheet was reviewed. Mayor Bates noted some projects to be considered:
A. Benton Street roadway improvement from Clay Street (IL Route 78) easterly to the
corporate limits. To develop more specific cost estimates
B. The preliminary engineering would be under this year's budget for the Galena Street
Bridge Replacement Project.
C. To continue the Brick Street work this year on a portion of Main Street.

Mr. Lou Schau, CDC, was in attendance and reported that the Market Street CDC REPORT
Commons-Kraft Building was now open all seven days of the week. They have a new committee
looking at the Waukarusa River Walk. They have scheduled an Open Mic Night on March 10th at the
Kraft Building starting at 6:00 p.m. This was being organized by Mr. Mick Parsons.

Mr. Russell Simpson, Jo Carroll Energy, was in attendance and reported SUCCESSFUL
of the Successful Communities Initiative resources that Jo Carroll Energy COMMUNITIES
has been developing and providing to their electricity and gas territory communities. He provided
information about the new electricity rates and how they compared with other companies in the area. He
noted the other services that they could provide such as, energy audits to the residents, business and
public bodies; scholarships to local students; the Sand Prairie Wireless Internet services; their
investment into the Advanced Metering Infrastructure; and leadership training to local boards and
councils. He stated that Jo Carroll Energy has targeted Campbell Center in Mount Carroll as a vital
project and asset for development and were now becoming members of that board to share their

expertise and resources. He noted the “mutual benefit” between the business, Jo Carroll Energy and the community by the potential job creation and increased energy usage.

Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Boelkens seconded to pass **RESOLUTION**
Resolution No. R2-2011-12, **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITE
REMEDICATION OF CONTAMINATION LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DEPUE AND
SURROUNDING AREAS.** Roll call vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes,
Lego, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Resolution No. R2-2011-12 was
adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Bates noted the following correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The “Greening Our Communities: Moving from Ideas to Action” workshop to be held on April 21st at Buck’s Barn Restaurant in Thomson, IL
2. The letter from Betty Steinert, Whiteside County Enterprise Zone, and Barb Suehl-Janis of Fulton, IL, asking for a letter from the area communities to take to the legislators in Washington D. C. the first week in March. Asking the communities to support the continued efforts to ask for the Thomson Prison facility to be purchased by the federal government.
3. Mayor Bates noted that several job applications have been submitted to the city hall office for summer help this year.
4. Moring Disposal, Inc. letter noted the total weight of the recyclables picked up in January 2011. Total 23,880 lbs.

Clerk Cuckler reported of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on March 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the application for a special use permit. This would be on the council’s agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Bates commented that after he had talked with the city attorney about **EMPLOYEE TIME** the matter of a couple of council members coming into city hall and going through **CARD** the employees’ time cards he wanted the council members to know that he could tell them that he would not allow something like that again without him being present and first getting a reason why these documents should be reviewed. He noted he was going to ask the two aldermen to provide him with a copy of their notes from that day and a list of any questions asked and answered that were written down as well. He stated there was a process by which the legislative arm of the city approaches him as the administrative arm to consider personnel matters. He stated he did not want anything like this to happen again.

Alderman Risko asked about pursuing the matter discussed a couple of months **WATER BILLS** ago about the individuals on the water shut off list and property owner **RESPONSIBILITY** responsibility for the water and sewer bills. In order to consider the single responsibility of the water bill payments to be by the landlords a marketing effort would need to be considered as well. Mayor Bates asked the clerk to put together a listing of landlords with rental properties.

Mrs. Nola Charles was in attendance and asked about the matter of the Bushy Flats on the agenda under old business. Mayor Bates stated that this matter was still on his list to contact all of the property owners about the buildings structure and outside nuisance issues.

Alderman Boelkens moved and Alderman Risko seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Boelkens, yes, Cooper, yes, Lego, yes, Risko, yes, and Bergren, absent. Vote: 5 yeses, 0 noes, and 1 absent. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the March 8, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler
City Clerk & Collector