

MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOUNT CARROLL CITY COUNCIL

John Boelkens 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 Tom Charles, present, Jim ROLL CALL  
Rose, present, Bob Sisler, present, Doug Bergren, present, Mike Risko, present, and Doris Bork, present.  
Alderman Bork led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mr. John Boelkens gave the invocation.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Rose seconded to approve the minutes MINUTES  
of the April 26, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes,  
Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Risko seconded to authorize the ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
payment of the accounts payable to date for the month of May 2011 as approved by the finance  
committee. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and  
Charles, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Mayor Bates reported of the bank account balances as of today at \$537,914.03 FINANCIAL  
per the financial report. Alderman Risko moved and Alderman Charles REPORT  
seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Aldermen Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes,  
Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, and Rose, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.

Alderman Bergren reported of the May 10<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting: COMMITTEES  
FINANCE

1. The bills were reviewed and approved.
2. Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation MAYFEST AD  
to authorize the payment \$100.00 to the Mirror Democrat newspaper for the full page ad in the  
Mayfest 2011 brochure. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, no, Charles,  
yes, Rose, yes, and Sisler, yes. Vote: 5 yeses, 1 no and 0 absent. The motion was carried. Noted  
that the ad cost \$300 and the Chamber and CDC shared this cost with the City.
3. Carroll County Highway Dept. Engineer Kevin Vandendooren was BENTON STREET  
in attendance and discussed the Benton Street Roadway Improvement Project. He noted that  
since the last meeting he had upgraded the type of road fabric for the project which would  
increase the cost by \$1,736, but stated that the price of the seal coat materials was down from the  
estimate about \$300, and he would trim \$300 from the engineering costs to \$2,100. The costs of  
material purchases through the use of motor fuel tax funds was estimated and presented in a  
resolution for the council for this evening's council meeting. Mayor Bates asked about the  
rock to be used for the base and the difference in price from the two quarries. Supt.  
Vandendooren explained why he recommended the rock from Wendling Quarries. Mayor Bates  
noted that the general fund would need to borrow from another fund, such as the cemetery  
endowment fund, in order to fund the contracted work for this project. Clerk Cuckler also  
noted that the motor fuel tax fund could supplement the city's expenses for other sidewalk and  
road work by using the time for labor and equipment use to be transferred into the general fund.  
Alderman Bergren presented the finance committee recommendation to approve the additional  
cost of \$1,200.00 to the estimate for the Benton Street Roadway Improvement Project. Roll call  
vote: Aldermen Risko, yes, Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, and Bergren, yes.  
Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The motion was carried.
4. Discussed the Galena Street Bridge project.

Mr. Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services, Inc. was in attendance and congratulated the newly elected officials and noted that Marty Beranek and Nick Wagner were their engineering staff members that attended the water and sewer facilities tour with the new council members on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Risko, Sisler and Charles commented on the tour. Mayor Bates stated he would like the aldermen to see all of the city's buildings and park facilities as well. Alderman Charles stated he would like to see all of the city's equipment used by the street department. MSA UPDATE

Mayor Bates reminded the council members in attendance about the Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting to be held in Mount Carroll on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend needed to let the clerk know by Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lou Schau, Mount Carroll Community Development Corporation (CDC), was in attendance and provided a verbal and written report of the rehabilitation of the Market Street Commons also known as the Kraft Building. He reported of the current activities and number of businesses servicing or renting space in the building, and the future restoration work to be accomplished. Alderman Sisler asked about the lead paint issues and the handling of these and the precautions. Mr. Schau reported of what he was made aware of and the precautions taken. CDC UPDATE

Mr. Schau reported that the CDC had received applications for the Downtown Preservation (Enhancement) Loan Program. These would be forwarded to the City Historic Preservation Advisory Committee for their review then the approved application information would be provided to the council. There would be \$6,000 to be loaned out this year for the downtown businesses to use for outside façade or safety improvements to their buildings. (The City provided over a five-year period \$20,000 for this program to be used as a revolving loan fund administered by the CDC). LOAN PROGRAM

Mayor Bates reported of the Campbell Center Restoration College participants that would be working on some of the old monument stones again this year. They would be there all of next week. CEMTERY

Alderman Bergren moved and Alderman Bork seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the Thomas C. Campbell estate receipt and release documents. Roll call vote: Aldermen Bork, yes, Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, and Risko, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. the motion was carried. Clerk Cuckler reported that the amount to the City was \$500.00 to be turned over to Ivey Monument for the care of the stones on the family lot. This amount could be different when all of the estates bills are paid. THOMAS C. CAMPBELL ESTATE

The council members in attendance acknowledged receipt of the Mediacom Cable Television franchise agreement renewal information. To check on the history of the past agreement. CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Alderman Risko stated that he would work with the Jo Carroll Energy representatives to schedule the dates with the council to conduct the council training. COUNCIL TRAINING

Mr. Reid Law of Law Excavating was in attendance and reported he was assessing the Benton Street roadway project for depths and utilities to get the project estimates for their work on this. Ms. Nina Cooper was in attendance and asked the council about the bidding threshold of \$25,000 for public works projects for the municipality. Mayor Bates stated that Law's Excavating would BENTON ST PROJECT

be providing the cost estimate for the project to keep this project moving. It would be up to the council to consider this and waive the bidding process.

Alderman Bork moved and Alderman Risko seconded to pass the MFT RESOLUTION Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the calendar year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 appropriating the sum of \$135,000.00. Roll call vote: Aldermen Charles, yes, Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, and Bork, yes. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. The Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution for calendar year 2011 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Bork asked the clerk for an update delinquent water bill list. Clerk Cuckler stated she was assembling that list in the different categories that were discussed by the mayor and that report would be available as soon possible to the council.

Alderman Sisler directed a question to the city attorney about employee liability when preparing a report. City Attorney Ronald Coplan and Mayor Bates considered some of the issues that concerned that issue.

Mr. Jeff Woodside was in attendance and asked about the debt service charge on the city water bill and the length of time for paying this. Mayor Bates stated this was a 20-year EPA loan for the 4.173 million dollar project. Mr. Steve Haring of MSA noted that the amount set for the debt service fee was required to be set up in the city fee structure before the loan would be approved and is supposed to be reviewed by the city each year to make sure it meets the requirements.

Mr. Pete Eiteuner was in attendance and addressed the council and Lou Schau about some of the new things he reported were going on in town, and the Kraft Building rental paid by the City each month and the revolving loan fund programs. Mr. Schau and Mayor Bates addressed the questions. Alderman Sisler stated he understood the City's rental was for 24 months. When was that to be completed? Mr. Schau stated that he would need to look that one up.

Mayor Bates noted we received the letter from IDOT stating they would be making the Zach Whitebread recognition sign for the city.

Mayor Bates reported he received a request from Alderman Charles to conduct a survey of the businesses in at least his ward. He stated he suggested the whole town be done and to have the Chamber and CDC do the leg work on this project.

Mayor Bates reported he would be meeting with Barb Hanson of the NICKEL organization to talk about the new ADA regulations. He also reported he might be submitting a proposal to the council about adding another liquor license.

Police Chief Cass reported that the new squad car was still scheduled for delivery sometime the middle of this summer.

Alderman Charles moved and Alderman Rose seconded to adjourn the ADJOURNMENT meeting. Roll call vote: Aldermen Rose, yes, Sisler, yes, Bergren, yes, Risko, yes, Bork, yes, and Charles. Vote: 6 yeses and 0 noes. Mayor Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Mount Carroll City Council approved these minutes at the May 24, 2011 regular meeting.

Julie A. Cuckler

City Clerk & Collector