

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday, April 6th, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, David Muth and Jeff Wells were present. Councilmen Bill Lytle and Ken Tiarks arrived at 7:55 p.m. There were also six residents, one representative from the Story County Sheriff's Department, Kevin Jacobson (the city's water man), Chris Kehoe from The Trash Man and City Attorney Robert Huffer.

The clerk made a correction to the minutes from the March 2nd regular council meeting. The figure of \$7,000 to open a library was not for a volunteer library but for a state funded library. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda the minutes from the March 2nd meeting with corrections, the March 9th meeting and the financial reports. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle and Tiarks absent.

Revenue for March 2009

General Income - \$5,974.11
Water Utility Income - \$3,500.97
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,065.25
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,024.83
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$223.86
Insurance Dividend - \$1,981.00
TIF Revenue - \$3,026.56
TOTAL INCOME: \$18,796.58

Claims Paid for March 2009

Garbage - \$2,050.45
Electric - \$785.59
Phone & Internet - \$101.68
Payroll - \$2,112.77
Publishing - \$180.85
Taxes - \$141.00
Water & Sewer - \$5,641.00
Repairs & Maintenance - \$862.07
Office Supplies & Postage - \$7.45
Debt Payments - \$2,927.33
Accounting - \$50.00
IPERS - \$91.69
Contributions - \$350.00
Dues - \$355.00
McCallsburg Fire Department - \$241.00
Rent - \$500.00
Animal Control - \$71.94
Police - \$3,418.50
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$19,888.32

A representative from the Sheriff's department informed the council that the speed trailer would be making the rounds of contracted towns. He asked the council if there were any suggestions on where the trailer should be placed when it arrives in McCallsburg. Mayor Loney asked that it be placed on S-27 facing south. A resident asked if the trailer could also be placed on Fruitt. Mayor Loney remarked that the officers were doing a fine job on their reports to the city.

A resident asked if the yield sign would be replaced at Latrobe and 1st now that spring had arrived. After review of the ordinance the Mayor said it would be replaced.

The council received a building permit from J. Erickson to build a fence. The permit was approved by planning and zoning and the council had no objections.

The mayor informed the council that the power was down on Sunday the 5th for a little over two hours. Mayor Loney and K. Anderson were able to get the pumps started again during this time.

Mayor Loney also reported to the council that the city had received an offer to buy a lot in the O.D. Fincham subdivision for \$500. The council tabled the issue until May when further research could be done.

Kevin Jacobson informed the council that the DNR has told the city they will need to hire an engineer to take care of INI issues and planning. Mr. Jacobson believed the DNR had given the city until the fall to submit a plan. The DNR wants McCallsburg to build a new lagoon. Mr. Jacobson suggests getting an engineer to help tighten problems. Jacobson stated that a plan of action may give the city three years to work out the problems but in the end the city may still be required to install a new lagoon. Muth asked Jacobson about funding options. Jacobson said there are grants offered through the State Revolving Fund and a few state funded loans the city could apply for. Wells asked Jacobson to submit suggestions for engineers. Mayor Loney asked Jacobson to speak to Councilman Lytle and make a plan of attack. Jacobson also stated that sump pumps discharged into the city sewers are not helpful to the INIs. Jacobson suggested the council extend their current sewer pump ordinance to include fees and inspections similar to that of Blairsburg. The ordinance suggestion was tabled until May.

Jacobson also informed the council that after further inspection he would suggest that the council purchase the used pumps from Zearing.

The council spoke with Mr. Kehoe from the Trash Man about complaints the city has received about the garbage service. Anderson stated there have been complaints about trash not getting picked up. Mr. Kehoe stated it was not a loose item issue but rather an issue of loose garbage in containers larger than 30 gallons. Mr. Kehoe's employees are only allowed to lift containers up to 30 gallons. If there is a container larger than 30 gallons and the garbage is bagged the employees are able and willing to pull the bags individually from the containers. Attorney Huffer suggested that the Mayor place an article in the city newsletter about the garbage rules. The mayor agreed to do this.

Councilman Anderson informed the council that the Legion would like to install a tile on the northwest side of their building that would tie into the tile the city placed in the alley. The council discussed drainage issues. Anderson made a motion to receive bids on the project. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

The City of McCallsburg received a notice from Mary Mosiman the Story County Auditor stating that the city has the option of changing their election format from IA Code 376; which requires a run-off if a candidate does not receive a sufficient percentage of the votes cast for an office, to IA Code 45; which removes the cost of a potential run-of election and allows the candidate with the greatest number of votes to be declared elected. Tiarks asked Attorney Huffer if there were any disadvantages to switching and Huffer stated that he did not believe so and that the change would simplify the process.

The council decided to table the matter until May.

Attorney Huffer will be putting together wording to start the bidding process for Parcel 7. The council plans to sell the property as is. Bids will be accepted until May 4th, 2009 at 7p.m.

The clerk informed the council that the City's contract with Realtor Debby Johnson is due for renewal. Tiarks made a motion to renew the contract with Ms. Johnson for three months. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed. The clerk was also instructed to contact Eldora to find out how they marketed their lots.

The council has picked April 13th at 6p.m. for the city walking tour.

The council reminded residents that the Free Day will be April 25th. The city will provide 2 dumpsters from 8am – 10am.

The mayor asked the council if they had made any decisions about purchasing a new tractor for the city. The council tabled the issue until May.

The council stated that they want to only spray the trail's walk way this year. The council asked Mayor Loney to find out what the cost of spraying would be. Jon Muntz informed the council that the Lions were planning on doing a trail clean up day on April 25th.

The city has received a contract proposal from the Zearing library board of \$2,200 to have Zearing provide the residents of McCallsburg with library service. The McCallsburg satellite branch will close on July 1, 2009. The contract would expire Jun 30, 2010. The City of McCallsburg would be allowed to make bi-annual payments in November and again in May. Lytle stated that he would still like to meet with the Library board. Muth stated he did not like the contract because it was only a one year contract and he had hoped for a three year contract so the city could better plan future budgets. Mayor Loney asked the council if another invitation should be extended to the library board. Jill Wilson informed the council that the library board has their next meeting on April 22nd. Mrs. Wilson also stated that a group of residents were willing to do fundraising and that their first fundraiser was guaranteed to bring in \$750. Lytle asked Mrs. Wilson where did the public want to be with library services in 5 years. Mrs. Wilson said ideally they would like to have the library still in McCallsburg but would be happy with just being able to receive library service. Anderson stated that with the proposed funding Mrs. Wilson spoke about, the fundraising should cover at least half of what the library board requested and he was sure the city could make up the difference. Anderson made a motion to accept the library contract as stated for 2009 -2010 but that the fundraising money received would go into the general budget with the purpose of going directly to the contracted amount, and also to give Mayor Loney authority to sign the contract. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth (stating he was not pleased with it but would agree), Tiarks and Wells. Motion passed.

Mayor Loney opened the Budget Hearing for the 2009-2010 FY Budget at 9:20pm. Having no comments for or against the budget Mayor Loney closed the time for public response. Anderson made a motion to waive the second and third reading. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed. Lytle made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 FY Budget. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday May 4th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

Wallace W. Loney, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk

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