

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday December 14, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, David Muth, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. Councilman Bill Lytle was absent. There were also ten residents and City Attorney Robert Huffer in attendance.

Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the November 5th and November 30th meetings and the financial reports. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes motion passed.

Revenue for November 2009

General Income - \$9,188.51
Water Utility Income - \$3,413.44
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,393.92
Solid Waste Revenue - \$1,903.48
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$513.31
Road Use Fund - \$1,764.36
TIF Revenue - \$5,315.32
Total Income: \$24,492.34

Claims Paid for November 2009

Alliant Energy–Utilities-\$786.52
Ames Lock & Security-building repair-\$288.85
Campbell Oil Co.,Inc- gasoline-\$56.40
Central IA Water–Water-\$1,686.00
City of Ames-resource recovery-\$1,669.50
Colo-Nesco School-gasoline-\$90.00
Global Reach Internet Prod.-internet-\$120.00
Hach Company-sewer monitoring-\$111.94
IA Rural Water Assoc.- testing - \$45.00
IA Rural Water Assoc.-annual dues-\$175.00
IA Telecom–Phone & Internet-\$105.53
Jacobson Enterprises – water/sewer-\$527.88
Nevada Journal–Publishing-\$252.80
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$1,376.84
Scott Sales Company-rent-\$500.00
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$4,454.50
Story County Treasurer-police-\$3,478.13
The Bookkeepers-accounting-\$50.00
The Trash Man-garbage-\$2,217.95
Treasurer State of IA-sales tax-\$148.00
True Value Hardware – supplies- \$5.49
US Bank-debt payment-\$27,206.62
Zearing Library-funding-\$1,100.00
Total Expenses: \$46,452.95

Mayor Loney reminded all present that the Community Christmas Party would be Dec.19th at 9 a.m. with Santa arriving at 9:30 a.m.

The Clerk informed the council that over \$150 in donations had been made to the Christmas Party.

Mayor Loney opened the Public Hearing for the Sale of the Striped Shed and the small shed to the north at 7:08 p.m. R. Huffer explained to all present that the city was holding another public hearing because of the addition of the small shed to the north being included in the sale. Huffer explained any bids could be submitted and any standing bids could be raised. Huffer stated that the city has received a written bid from B. Baker in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Parker stated he was there to represent Richard Thompson and they would like to know the exact dimensions of the property and whether a survey and abstract would be provided to the buyer. Huffer stated that the published description was the exact dimensions and that no survey or abstract would be provided; sale would be done by quit claim deed. Parker stated he did not believe it was legal to sell the property without a survey because of the exclusion of the street from the property. Huffer stated the description had been approved by the County Auditor's office. Anderson stated it would be good to get a survey done to remove the street from the description and also to tear down the stucco building and sell all the land as one lot. Huffer stated the street had already been removed from the description. E. Banks cautioned the city to double check on any outstanding liens on property because she had run into that problem when they tried to build their home. Huffer stated an abstract and survey would cost roughly \$2,000. Anderson suggested having a survey done with a quit claim deed. Muth stated a larger commercial lot would be more attractive to potential bidders. Huffer stated that the city could reject all bids and redo the sale later after the stucco building had been torn down. Anderson made a motion to reject all bids, have a survey completed of property, issue a new legal description

and tear down the stucco building. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth, Tiarks and Wells with Lytle absent. Motion passed.

Tiarks made a motion to approve Resolution 09-23 which approves the City Annual Financial Report as presented to council. Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth, Tiarks and Wells with Lytle absent.

Emily Banks spoke to the council about a possible donation from the city in support of the preschool playground at the elementary schools in both McCallsburg and Colo. Banks presented the council with a breakdown of the costs and current donations and also a photo description of the playground. Banks stated the playground would be open to the public on weekends and after school. Muth asked what the timeline for this project was. Banks stated they planned to start building the structure in the spring and have it up and going during the summer. The council thanked Banks for her time.

Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 09-24 to set Jan.4, 2010 as a Public Hearing date on the Alliant Energy Franchise Agreement. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Jill Wilson spoke to the council on the Friends of McCallsburg Library progress. Wilson updated the council on the groups funding and gave the city a check in the amount of \$322.19 from the dinner the Lions held last month. Wilson mentioned that the school is looking into some grant funding and asked if she would write a letter of support because of the possibility of combining the school and city library together. Muth asked if it was a full grant or matching funds. Wilson stated she believed it was a full grant. The council gave Wilson their support in writing a letter for the grant. The council thanked Wilson for her time.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the Story County Engineer said that putting a stop sign up at the intersection of Latrobe and 8th facing north and south would be up to the council. Anderson asked if the city had to pay for the costs and maintenance of the sign. Mayor Loney stated it would be the city's responsibility. The clerk stated the complaint she had received was concerning the vehicles going south on 8th street and not the ones coming north entering town. Tiarks made a motion not to install stop signs facing north and south at the corner of 8th and Latrobe. Wells seconded the motion. On roll call voting yes: Anderson, Muth, Tiarks and Wells with Lytle absent. Muth asked if it was possible to have the Sheriff patrol that intersection and to request that the speed trailer be placed there the next time it was available to the city. Mayor Loney said he would talk to the Sheriff's department about it.

Jon Muntz asked to speak to the council. The council agreed. Muntz asked who was in charge of overseeing the snow plow removal. Mayor Loney said he was. Muntz stated that on Thursday night the 10th he had gone out and when he returned home his street had been plowed in. Anderson stated to his knowledge Muntz street was only obstructed long enough for Keith Anderson to return to the shed and change plows. Muntz stated it was longer than a half hour. Wells stated that K. Anderson had plowed a path on each street to allow vehicles out and then returned later to finish cleaning the roads. Tiarks stated that K. Anderson plowed the snow to the middle of the streets then returned later with the bigger plow to push the snow to the end of the roads. Wells stated he believed K. Anderson did the best with what he had. B. Hendrick stated that he had intended to help K. Anderson with the snow removal but the dump truck would not start and suggested getting a block heater for that truck. Anderson said he would look into the reason why the block heater hadn't already been purchased. Wells stated that the snow event was a unique situation and does not believe K. Anderson had any malice towards Muntz. Muntz stated he was more concerned about the time spent and the cost to the city.

Muth made a motion to go out of open session and into a closed session to do an employee evaluation. Wells seconded the motion.

Council returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.

Anderson made a motion that after review of the city clerk, the city to grant the clerk a \$1.00/hr. wage increase to begin on July 1, 2010. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed. The clerk thanked the council.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday January 4th, 2010 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilman Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk